THE WEATHER.

Cloudy Saturday, probably rain west portion; Sunday rain.

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ASSURANCES FOR THE FUTURE ARE GIVEN BY AUSTRIA IN NEW NOTE

Considered More Satisfactory in Extent Than Those Given Us by Germany.

ALL DANGER IS PASSED

Vienna Government Meets the Cardinal Points of the American Demands.

Note Sent by White House Messenger to Wilson.

Washington, Dec. 31. — Austria's reply to the Ancona note not only meets the cardinal points of the American demands, but gives assurances for the future which are considered more satisfactory in their extent than those given by Germany. The full American view will not be known until after President Wilson has studied the Austrian reply, which was received today from Ambassador Penfield and was immediately dispatched to Hot Springs by a White House messenger.

It may be stated authoritatively, nevertheless, that danger of a rupture of diplomatic relations has passed, and the controversy now enters the same stage as the Lusitania negotiations with Germany, on an even more favorable basis.

Far Reaching Assurance.

Austria in the Ancona case has subscribed to the principle that no ships will be sunk, unless they offer resistance or flee without the persons aboard being brought to safety. This is considered an assurance that is far reaching and satisfactory.

Points which Austria leaves for further diplomatic correspondence are not considered of a nature to bring on a new crisis. Chief among them are questions of fact which affect Austria's responsibility for what happened before the submarine commander torpedoed the Ancona, and their importance is minimized by the promise to pay indemnity for Americans lost regardless of the absence of proof as to just how they met their death.

The mere statement that the submarine commander has been punished for not making allowances for the panic on the ship undoubtedly will be accepted without question ,and without further inquiry as to its nature.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, conferred with Secretary Lansing today on the Lusitania case, and it was said that while no communications were passed, views were exchanged and it was indicated that the promised settlement is not far off. The ambassador let it be known that he considered the Austrian reply a complete compliance with the demands of the United States.

AUSTRIAN NOTE IN PART

Willingness Expressed to Pay Indemnities for American Lives Lost.

Vienna, (via London), Dec. 31.—Austria's note, dated December 29, in answer to the American government's demands concerning the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona by an Austrian submarine, has bee delivered to American Ambassador Penfield. It says:

"In answer to your very esteemed note No. 4307 of the 21st instant the subscriber has the honor to lay the following most respectfully before His Excellency, the Ambassador of the United States of America, Frederick Courtland Penfield:

"The imperial and royal government agrees thoroughly with the American cabinet with the sacred commandants of humanity given at no time and to no person occasion to doubt its respect for these commandments in like manner also in the whole course of this war, which presents such pictures of confusion of moral conceptions has it given numerous proofs of humanitarian sentiments toward enemies as well as towards outral states and it was not due to this government that it was a short time ago, not in harmony with the Washington cabinet precisely on a question which it (the Austro-Hungarian government) in harmony with the entire public opinion in Austria-Hugary regarded as principally a question of humanity.

Concurs in American Principle.

"The imperial and royal government can only subsequently concur in the principle expressed in the very esteemed note, that private ships insofar as they do not flee or offer resistance may not be destroyed without the persons aboard being brought into safety.

"The imperial and royal government is very responsive to the assurance that the Federal government lays value upon seeing that the good relations which happily exists between Austria-Hungary and the United States of America are maintained. It reciprocates this assurance most warmly, and is now, as heretofore, concerned to render these relations more hearty, so far as lies in its power.

"Guided by the same spirit of frankness as the government of the Union, the Imperial and Royal government, although it does not find in the note

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SOUTH CAROLINA A "DRY" STATE TODAY

Prohibition Law Became Effective Last Midnight.

ONE GALLON A MONTH

That is Limit of Liquor a Person May Have for Personal Use—Six Other States Join Ranks—Total Now "Dry" is 19.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 31.—South Carolina will be numbered among the prohibition states after midnight tonight. The state dispensary system, under which fifteen out of forty-four counties operated liquor dispensaries and around which the political battles of the state have centered for nearly a quarter of a century, ceased to exist at sundown this afternoon.

The law effective at midnight was adopted at a special election September 14 by an overwhelming majority. Individuals under the new law may obtain one gallon of liquor per month for personal use. Certain spirits are permitted for the church, arts and sciences, according to a recent decision of the attorney general.

State Senator Carlisle, of Spartanburg, announced several days ago that he would introduce a bill in the general assembly which meets next month, repealing the so-called "gallon a month" law, making the state absolutely "dry."

The state dispensary system replaced the old open barroom in 1892. In 1907 the state-wide organization was superceded by the county dispensary system.

L. L. Bultman, state dispensary auditor, estimates at least $125,000 worth of liquor on hand when the dispensaries close. As the bill providing for the referendum election did not provide for the disposal of any stock that might be left over and the position of every official and subordinate of the system automatically ceases tonight, doubt exists as to the ownership of the remaining stock and what disposition can be made of it, as it cannot legally be sold in South Carolina. The matter will have to be either adjusted by the legislature or the courts, it is said.

Governor Manning has declared that the prohibition law will be enforced to the letter.

NO EXCEPTIONAL SCENES.

Cities in Far West Report No New Year's Demonstrations.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—No exceptional or unseemly scenes marked New Year's eve in the cities of the Far West and Pacific slope. Reports that the imminence of state-wide prohibition in Oregon, Washington and Idaho would precipitate carnivals of drunkenness were not substantiated. Portland, Ore., reported the supply of intoxicants nearly bought up by noon. In Seattle whiskey leaped in price when it was found to be running short. Beer, however, was plentiful, stocks having been laid in with the provision that what was unsold might be returned to the breweries. Much of Idaho already was dry and the new law effective tomorrow made no disturbance of note.

SEVEN STATES GO "DRY"

Over 3,000 Saloons, Number Breweries and Liquor Houses Close.

Washington, Dec. 1.—State-wide prohibition of the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors becomes effective in seven states at midnight tonight putting out of business more than 3,000 saloons, a large number of breweries, wholesale liquor houses and distilleries. According to figures offered by the Anti-Saloon eLague of America this brings the total of prohibition states in the Union to 19.

The states which in addition to South Carolina, enter the dry column are Iowa, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Arkansas. Many counties in all of the seven states have prohibited the sale of liquor for a number of years under local option laws.

NEW EXPORT RECORD.

Foreign Shipments from Newport News Totaled $96,064,800 in 1915.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 31.—Exports from Newport News during 1915 totaled $96,064,800, the greatest of any year in the history of the port, according to figures compiled by customs officials. Exports for 1914 totaled but $8,929,214, which total at that time was considered an excellent year's business. Imports decreased, the 1914 total being $3,479,315, and the 1915 total $1,808,704. Horses and mules valued at $32,500,000 left the port during the year. The grain exported was valued at approximately $45,000,000.

BANK CLEARINGS INCREASE.

Reports Received From Cities in All Parts of the Country.

New York, Dec. 31. — Increases in bank clearings, in some cases very large, were reported today from cities in all parts of the country for the past year. In Chicago they were $16,198,985,175 in 1915, against $15,602,828,997 in 1914. In Philadelphia, $8,863,633,392, against $7,916,064,219. In Baltimore, $1,823,648,997 against $1,831,664,827. In Atlanta, $739,294,232, against $702,410,026. Similar reports come from many other points.

AMERICAN NATIONS MUST UNITE FOR A CRISIS AFTER WAR

Both Victor and Vanquished in Europe Will Possess Hostile Attitude.

JOHN BARRETT SPEAKS

Predicts Evolution of Monroe Doctrine Into a Pan-American Doctrine.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The place of a United Pan-America in the eventualities which will confront the world at the end of the European war, was pictured to the Pan-American Scientific Congress today by Director General John Barrett, of the Pan-American Union.

The delegates were electrified by his prediction of an evolution of the Monroe Doctrine into a Pan-American doctrine for a mutual defense against aggression from overseas when he defined such a doctrine as meaning "that the Latin-American republics, in the event that the United States were attacked by a foreign foe, would, with all their physical and moral force, stand for the protection and sovereignty of the United States just as quickly as the United States under corresponding circumstances would stand for their integrity and sovereignty."

Wherever the Pan-American delegates gathered the director-general's declaration was discussed with the greatest interest, and it was regarded generally as one of the outstanding events of the Congress pointing the way to Pan-American unity.

Victor and Vanquished Hostile.

"Both victor and vanquished in the European war will be hostile to America at the close of hostilities," he said. "The former will say it won in spite of the attitude of the United States and the other American Republics and the latter will say it lost because of the United States and its sister republics.

"In the minds and thoughts of everybody interested in Pan-Americanism is the question: 'What is going to happen to Pan-America when this war is over?' Immediately there is the reply: 'The American republics must stand together for the eventualities that may possibly develop.'

"While everyone would deplore any agitation or suggestion that a European nation or a group of European nations, following this struggle would undertake any territorial aggrandizement in the Western Hemisphere or in any way take action that would contravene the Monroe Doctrine, it must be borne in mind and cannot be for a moment overlooked that whatever way this war results there may be little or no love for the United States and the other nations which form Pan-America.

May be Forced to Act.

"No matter, therefore, how just and fair the nations of America have been in their efforts to preserve their neutrality and in no way interfere on either side of this conflict, the war passions and the war power of the peoples and the governments of the victorious group of nations may force a policy toward Pan-Americanism, toward the Monroe Doctrine and toward their relationship with individual countries of the Western Hemisphere which will demand absolute solidarity of action on the part of the American republics to preserve their very integrity.

"In the light of this terrible though

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15 KILLED WHEN CARS OF DYNAMITE EXPLODE

Score of Others Are Injured at Monterey, Mexico.

Cars Contained Dynamite and Hand Grenades for the Carranza Army. Twelve Soldiers Were Blown to Atoms.

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 31.—Fifteen persons were instantly killed, a score of others injured, some probably fatally; many railroad cars were destroyed and other property affected in Monterey, Mexico, yesterday, at noon, when box cars containing dynamite and hand grenades for the Carranza army were destroyed by an explosion.

News of the accident reached here late today, when passengers arrived from Monterey. According to the description furnished by them, several cars loaded with dynamite and hand grenades were placed in the center of a train near cars occupied by soldiers. The cause of the explosion has not been definitely assigned, but it is believed the dynamite was jarred while the cars were being switched, the explosions of the hand grenades following immediately. Twelve soldiers in the adjacent coaches were blown to atoms. The three other dead were children who succumbed to severe burns.

The force of the explosion was so great that several buildings in the vicinity crumbled. Many persons thought an earthquake was in progress

FIGHTING NATIONS TOO BUSY TO TAKE STOCK OF OLD YEAR

To Most Belligerents Conflict Probably Seemed Nearer an End a Year Ago.

BIG MOVES IMMINENT

Greece Protests Arrest of Consuls of Central Powers at Saloniki by the Allies.

London, Dec. 31.—The last day of the year found the European belligerents too busily occupied with matters of pressing importance to pause long enough to do any extensive mental stock taking regarding the war situation. To most of the fighting nations the war probably seemed rather nearer its end a year ago than now. For Great Britain its unfortunate year passes into history with a fresh navy calamity—the sinking of the cruiser Natal.

The last day of the old year was a busy one for the British cabinet which accomplished peacefully the almost unprecedented task of holding two meetings in a single day. It now appears that the momentous transition to compulsory service in Great Britain is likely to be accomplished with tranquility. The press of all shades of opinion already is exulting that "no change of equal importance was ever enacted with such a lack of disturbance or with so close an approach to public unanimity."

On the fighting fronts the year ends with a promise of interesting developments in many theatres. With the approach of the New Year there was little fighting on any of the fronts except that in Russia, extending from the Pripet marshes down through Eastern Galicia. The situation here still remains obscure, but Petrograd is expecting great results to hinge on the manoeuvres that are taking place.

The Austrians in the Adriatic sea have sunk the French submarine Monge.

Greece is reported to have again protested against the fortification Saloniki by the Entente Allies and against the arrest of the consuls of the Central Powers and their allies at Saloniki, declaring the latter act a violation of Greece's soverign rights.

King George in his New Year's honors has raised to the peerage and otherwise honored persons who have given their aid to Great Britain in the war. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian railway; Will Crooks, the labor leader, and William Waldorf-Astor are notable among the recipients of honors. Sir Thomas and Mr. Astor are made barons while Mr. Crooks is made a privy counsellor.

DOUBLE CANADIAN FORCES.

Canada Will Celebrate the New Year by Increasing Army to 500,000.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 31.—Canada will celebrate the coming of the New Year by increasing the number of men authorized for overseas service from 250,000 to 500,000, Premier Robert L. Borden announced today.

"Yesterday," the premier's statement said, "the authorized forces of Canada numbered 250,000 and the number enlisted was rapidly approaching that limit today. The first of the New Year our authorized force will be 500,000. The announcement is made in token of Canada's unflinching resolve to

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SIX MEN LOSE LIVES IN A $2,000,000 FIRE

Linseed Oil Plant at Chicago is Destroyed.

Oil Freighter and Its Cargo Burned —Flames Spread to Union Stock Yards Causing Damage Amounting to $150,000.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Fire today destroyed the South Chicago plant of the American Linseed Company, known as the Cleveland linseed oil branch, caused the death of six men, believed to have been killed by an explosion or burned in the resulting flames, and occasioned a property loss of $2,000,000.

The fire started with an explosion attributed to spontaneous combustion of linseed dust which wrecked the percolator building and sent flames sweeping through the other four buildings of the company. So intense were the flames and so speedy their spread that an oil freighter loaded and ready to leave the Calumet river slip beside the plant caught fire and its cargo was burned.

All the employes except William Melies, of the percolating plant and five workmen who were with him in the building, were accounted for.

While the linseed plant was burning, fire broke out in a warehouse in the Union stock yards fro mwhich district fire companies had been sent to the South Chicago fire. The blaze was extinguished with much difficulty after damage amounting to $150,000 had bura diona

GREETINGS FOR 1916 FROM GREAT MEN.

William J. Bryan—

"The year 1915 has witnessed a conflict unparalleled in history, whether measured by numbers engaged, by destructiveness of implements employed or by cost in life and treasure. Our nation has wisely maintained neutral neutrality and refused to be drawn into the war. Our first duty during the coming year is to remain the leader of the neutral nations so that we may as a friend of all the belligerents exert the largest possible influence in bringing the warring nations to an honorable and permanent peace. May the horrors of the present struggle hasten the day when, throughout the world, reason will be substituted for force in the settlement of disputes between nations."

William G. McAdoo—

"God grant that the American people may continue to enjoy the inestimable blessings of peace and prosperity during the new year; that the soul of the nation may always be exalted above material resources; that patriotism may never die; that love of country may always transcend personal interest; that peace may be restored to stricken Europe; that the American people may have a noble part in this restoration and that they may always be foremost in helping the distressed and in useful service to humanity."

Josephus Daniels—

"The optimism of America is justified by business conditions. This has been a happy Christmas and we enter the new year with the confidence that it holds in store larger opportunities and more generally diffused prosperity than any previous year in the history of our country. Better wages and shorter hours is the concrete expression that the momentous transition to compulsory service in Great Britain is likely to be accomplished with tranquility. The press of all shades of opinion already is exulting that "no change of equal importance was ever enacted with such a lack of disturbance or with so close an approach to public unanimity."

Johann von Bernstorff—

"I desire to convey my felicitations to the people of the United States for a happy and prosperous new year."

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice—

"On behalf of Great Britain I wish to convey to the people of the United States best wishes for a happy new year, and may the prosperity of the country be of long duration."

Franklin K. Lane—

"[illegible] the United states have no hatred in their hearts, for they are without fear. They have no envy, for no one can add to their wealth. They wish an undisturbed opportunity prove that a democracy opens a wider door to individual happiness than any other form of government."

William C. Redfield—

"You may express my earnest hope for the people of our country that their new year shall be prosperous, full of fruits of peace and industry and that our vision may be broad, our courage high, our hands skillful, and our hearts generous."

These greetings for the new year were obtained by Carl Laemmle who is one of the most important, if not the most imortant man, in the moving picture business.

NEW TARIFFS ARE EFFECTIVE TODAY

General Readjustment of Freight Rates in South.

ON ALL THE RAILROADS

New Schedules, Approved by Interstate Commerce Commission, Arranged to Correct Long and Short Haul Discrepancies.

Washington, Dec. 31.—General readjustment of freight rates on railroads serving the South, between the Mississippi and the Atlantic and the Gulf and Potomac river was approved today by the Interstate Commerce Commission in the most important case touching that section which it has had under consideration for many years. The commission declined to suspend tariffs of Southern carriers proposing changes in rates on all classes of freight, and the new tariffs will become effective tomorrow.

The new schedules were framed by a committee of Southern railroad men on order of the commission to the Southern carriers to reduce and eliminate violations of the so-called long and short haul provision of the Interstate Commerce act, which forbids a higher rate for a haul to an intermediate than to the terminal point. The new schedules reduce hundreds of violations of this sort and eliminate many others. The general effect of the commission's order will be to increase rates to and from the important centers.

Railroad officials declared here tonight that they did not expect the order would yield any additional revenue but they could not determine this point until the readjustment had been tried out. The revenue derived from the increases to the larger points, they said, probably would balance with the reductions to some small points.

The commission also issued a new order in the same case, allowing the same roads until August 1, 1916, in

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TWO MORE NEGROES SHOT DOWN BY MOB

Clashes Renewed Over Killing of White Farmer.

FOUR LODGES BURNED

Report That Negroes in Early County, Georgia, Had Threatened Riot Causes Many Armed White Men to Go to Scene.

Blakeley, Ga., Dec. 31.—Two more negroes were killed and four negro lodge buildings burned today in the western section of this (Early) county in a renewal of clashes between whites and negroes according to reports reaching here tonight. Reports that negroes were threatening the lives of white farmers caused numbers of armed men to leave here for th scene and reports from the Alabama side of the Chattahoochee river, the dividing line between Georgia and Alabama, said many white men had crossed the river from Alabama.

Seven negroes were reported killed yesterday by white posses which sought Grandison Goolsby and her sons, Mike and Ulysses, charged with killing Henry J. Villipigue, a white overseer. Today mobs scoured the river country in hearing a report that Goolsby's sons had not been burned to death in a negro cabin was reported but had escaped.

Reports that members of these mobs found on the person of a negro killed yesterday, a lodge book showing that a negro organization and delegated Goolsby and his sons to kill Villipigue because he thrashed one of the younger Goolsbys were said to have caused the burning of the negro lodges. The elder Goolsby was known as one of the leading spirits in negro Mason and negro Odd Fellows lodges in this section of the country and also to be a member of other lodges.

Tonight a negro lodge building near the Alabama line was reported destroyed by fire. Early today a negro Masonic lodge building and a negro

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BUSINESS MEN OF THIS CITY EXPECT PROSPEROUS YEAR

Outlook Far Brighter for 1916 Than at the Beginning of the Old Year.

FOUNDATION STRONGER

New Year Letters Point to Remarkable Improvement Already Experienced.

That business conditions have made remarkable improvement during the past year, especially the last few months; that the factors now prevalent are such as to render the prospects for the new year 1916 far brighter than was the outlook a year ago, and that there is good ground to expect a very prosperous year, is the consensus of opinions expressed by representative business men of Wilmington in New Year's letters to President L. E. Hall, of the Chamber of Commerce. In several of these letters credit for the improved conditions is given to the administration's new banking system and to the crop diversification put into practice by the farmers the past year.

The depression during the first few months of 1915, as indicated by these expressions, was almost completely reversed by the revival of business last fall, and a prosperous year and good times are in prospect at the beginning of the New Year, according to the view of a number of those who were asked for their opinion on the outlook. However, there is a note of caution in the expressions of some against extravagance, speculation and a return to a big cotton acreage.

"Unless one hurries to predict good times for the South, he will lose the credit of being a prophet," is a striking expression from Mr. Hugh MacRae, president of the Tidewater Power Company and the Carolina Trucking Development Company, who is interested in several other industrial and financial enterprises. He says further: "It seems that the South has the best outlook for the next few years that it has ever had."

"Good times are ahead, in my opinion," says Mr. W. B. Cooper, banker, exporter and importer, while Postmaster H. McL. Green believes "the year 1916 will prove a most prosperous one," and Mr. C. W. Polvogt, one of the leading dry goods dealers in this section, says, "we look forward to 1916 going far ahead of 1915." Mr. D. L. Gore, large wholesale dealer and financier, representing varied important interests, says "it looks better than it did a year ago."

Recovery Marvelous.

"Our rapid recovery from the paralysis of 1914 has been marvelous, and out of the crisis we have found our greatest asset in finding ourselves," declares Mr. J. Allan Taylor, wholesale grocer, who also is recognized as one of the best posted men of the section on business conditions. Mr. B. F. Hall, also a large wholesale dealer, conservatively states that "a review of business for the latter half of this year justifies a more hopeful forecast for the future than could possibly have been drawn from the conditions existing twelve months ago."

"The evidences of improved business conditions are so plain that 'he who runs may read,'" declares Major Wm. H. Bernard, halt a century active in the business life of Wilmington, having been editor of The Morning Star for some forty years. But he joins Messrs. D. L. Gore, J. A. Taylor and others in a word of caution, saying, "but a big crop of cotton and a return to the smoke houses and grain elevators of the West for their food s means disaster to the farmers," adding that "disaster to the farming interests means a corresponding depression to all other interests."

Mr. Marcus W. Jacobi, of the wholesale and retail house of N. Jacobi Hardware Company, feels that 1916 could be welcomed as a year of much promise, if the European war could be settled and the people of the world once more enjoy peace. He points out several factor in sounder and better business conditions.

Letters of these business men follow:

Financial System Big Help.

"A review of business for the latter half of this year justifies a much more hopeful forecast for the future than could possibly have been drawn from the conditions existing 12 months ago.

"Thanks to a wise Democratic administration, we have now a financial system which prevents the concentration of the capital of the country in large centers for speculative purposes, and makes more money available for legitimate trade and business enterprises.

"The effect of the unhappy and needless war in Europe has been very different on different sections of our country. The [illegible] growing sections began to [illegible] immediately after t[illegible] and have continu[illegible] of this yea[illegible] shrived m[illegible] orders fro[illegible] for war mu[illegible] these supplie[illegible] munitions hav[illegible] the North and [illegible] capacity, and in [illegible] is much delayed.

"The effect of the [illegible] ton growing sections [illegible] in that it depressed t[illegible] money crop, and increased [illegible] nearly all supplies, boo[illegible]

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HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

IN OFFERING OUR SERVICE TO THE WILMINGTON PUBLIC FOR THE COMING YEAR, WE WISH TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE FACT, THAT WE FURNISH TO THE MODERN HOME OF TODAY THE TWO "MOST DEPENDABLE SERVANTS" TO WIT: **GAS & ELECTRICITY**

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GIVE NO REGARD TO CLASS OF POSTAGE

If Parcels Contain Goods for Germany or Her Allies.

IS RULING OF BRITISH

Actual Correspondence Only Not Subject to Seizure on Ships on High Seas—Based on The Hague Convention of 1907.

London, Dec. 31.—According to official information to the Associated Press, the British government takes the stand that any parcels sent by mail, no matter what class of postage is paid on them, are liable to seizure if they contain goods which under the orders in council may not be shipped to or from Germany or her allies. First class, actual postal correspondence, according to this stand, is inviolable on vessels stopped on the high seas and is only subject to British municipal law when carried on ships which voluntarily call at British ports.

Mail on ships calling voluntarily at British ports, however, will be subject to municipal law, which means that under the present war conditions the government asserts the right to extend the censorship to such mail.

Great Britain takes her stand squarely on The Hague convention of 1907, which, according to the British contention, gives no protection to parcels, no matter under what class of postage they may be carried. The resolution passed during that convention printed in French explicitly states that the only form of mail not liable to seizure is "correspondence postale."

The resolution, according to the records, was moved by a German delegate, who on an interpellation from an Italian delegate, stated that immunity was meant to apply to letter post alone. This view will be rigidly upheld by the British government, which does not admit that it has yet interfered with any first class post.

Even in the case of vessels calling at English ports [illegible] to a high official, th[illegible] inclined to us[illegible]al unless it[illegible]nd mails will be for[illegible]s possible. [illegible] conceded to [illegible]hat letter post [illegible]ed or searched [illegible] not be disturbed [illegible] to a belligerent [illegible]ockade.

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POSTMASTER GREEN HONORED.

Appointed as State Committeeman for National Organization.

Postmaster H. McL. Green, of this city, is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Colin M. Selph, of St. Louis, Mo., president of the National Association of Postmasters of the United States, asking that he act as a member of a committee of the organization, composed of one member from each state in the Union, to induce and bring about the assistance and co-operation of all the Presidential postmasters in the State for the purpose of increasing the membership, that the association might be more far-reaching in its good influence.

Mr. Green is president of the North Carolina Association and has received many honors, of which he and Wilmington is justly proud. This is quite an honor to be appointed on this important National committee, and Mr. Green will accept the honor.

M'CARN LANDS IN AMERICA

Says He Couldn't Be Both Honest and Happy in Position in Hawaii.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—Jeff McCarn, former United States district attorney for the territory of Hawaii, arrived here on the steamer Great Northern today and explained that he gave up his position "because he could not be both honest and happy" in it.

He said he would return to his home at Nashville, Tenn. He was appointed by President Wilson two years ago and resigned November 15, effective December 21.

McCarn gained prominence in May, 1914, because of his indictment by the Federal territorial grand jurys at Honolulu as the result of an altercation with Claudius McBride, an attorney. Th ecase was dismissed before trial.

BIG NEW MERCANTILE FIRM.

$100,000 Corporation Begins Business in Fremont at Once.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 31.—With the New Year, Fremont, a thriving town located on the Atlantic Coast Line, ten miles from Wilson, is to have a new big mercantile concern—Aycock Brothers & Company. The new firm, composed of C. R. Aycock, W. E. Aycock, J. B. Aycock and W. E. Dees, is incorporated with $100,000 capital and has bought out the firm of Hooks, Ballance & Co., and will occupy the store building of that firm for a short time. Later the new building in process of erection will be used. The new firm proposes to set a new pace in Fremont.

All County Offices Closed.

All the county offices will observe New Year's today by closing. Signs were tacked up yesterday that all offices would observe Saturday hours yesterday. Many people of the city, not noticing the signs were disappointed when they went down to transact business after 3 o'clock. There will be no Recorder's court today.

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GASOLINE PRICES ARE TO BE PROBED

Recent Advances May be Found to be Unjustified.

PETROLEUM PLENTIFUL

Government Figures Show Production in 1915 Was Greater Than in 1914 —Gasoline Exports Less in Past Ten Months.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Official government figures made public here today disclosed that in the face of rising prices of gasoline, production of crude petroleum during the last year was greater than in 1914, although production "was purposely retarded as far as practicable"; that reserve stocks of crude petroleum now being held in the country are the largest ever recorded; and that exports of gasoline, to which the rise in prices frequently has been attributed, were in the last ten months of 1915 less than the exports during the corresponding period of the two previous years. Both the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission are preparing to investigate gasoline prices.

A statement issued by the Geological Survey estimated the 1915 production of market petroleum at 267,400,000 which is 2,000 barrels more than in 1914. "This," says the statement, "does not agree with the currently responsible reason for the exceptionally high prices now prevailing for motor fuel.

"As a result of the overload put on the transporting and refining phases of the petroleum industry by the excess output of 1914, the year 1915 may be characterized as a period of readjustment in which production activity was purposely retarded as far as practicable. The small increase, therefore, is more significant than the simple figures indicate."

Factors that might be expected to affect the price of gasoline, according to Geological Survey officials, are production, consumption and prices of crude petroleum. Consumption figures, they said, were not available though consumption was increasing.

A low petroleum price level was reached in April and until August the price remained at $1.35 a barrel for the market standard. When the price began to soar and on December 17 petroleum was selling at $2.15. Indications now are, says the statement, that the price soon will re[illegible] $2.50, its previous high record.

One production fact brou[illegible] the survey is that crude [illegible] stocks held in reserve, the lar[illegible] known, increased 50,000,000 t[illegible] 1915, and at present more t[illegible] 000,000 barrels are being hel[illegible]

The recent discovery by D[illegible] F. Rittman, a government ch[illegible] a process [illegible] oils 200 per cent. more gasoline than by old methods, probably would have a bearing on both production and price before another year had passed, said officials today. Several companies already have started production under the new method. Their output, and the output of others to be started, it was said, would be felt soon on the market.

BUSINESS MEN OF THIS CITY EXPECT PROSPEROUS YEAR

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South. And yet, there is abundant evidence that the cotton belt has begun to profit by the very circumstance which brought about the depression 12 months ago. The high price of grain and foodstuffs and the low price of last year's cotton crop furnished a lesson which could not be ignored. This lesson was still further emphasized and enforced by the scarcity and high price of fertilizers. The result has been a much greater diversity of crops, there being a much larger area planted in grain and forage, and a much smaller acreage in cotton. The smaller crop of cotton has yielded the producers considerably more money than the very large crop of 1914, and the grain supply is well nigh sufficient for another season. The manifest advantages of this changed order of farming in the cotton belt are too great to be overlooked by our farmers, and since commercial fertilizers adapted to the growth of cotton are still scarcer and higher in price than last year, there is every reason to believe that our farmers will be wise enough to plant less cotton and more grain another season.

"This can hardly be regarded as a direct advantage to the jobbing trade, especially to those whose chief business has been in furnishing farm supplies through country merchants in the past, but the prosperity of the country after all depends very largely upon the prosperity of those who cultivate the soil, and while there may be less trade in farm supplies, business risks should be reduced enough to compenstate for the loss in volume of trade.

"B. F. HALL."

1916 Prospects.

"The South is not yet out of the woods, for having won the fight it has yet to insure the victory. Our rapid recovery from the paralysis of 1914 has been marvelous, and out of the crisis we have found our greatest asset in finding ourselves. This consists of revealed resources, among them the practicability of producing our own supplies, of economy in production, of conservation in marketing, and of the bankable character or collateralability of cotton when properly protected.

"We won the fight by keeping from going broke, and will win the victory by doing the thing necessary to hold and advance our ground. This means that until normal world conditions are restored we must limit the production of our money crop to current demand and our ability to carry. We are now carrying an exceptionally large proportion of last year's cotton crop, and the ultimate value of this present surplus (for it is a present surplus in the sence of ability to market), will depend upon the size of the next crop. uild the war end during the present r cotton would undoubtedly advance rply over present prices, provided ual and prospective supply was not xcess of demand, from which it must clear that a large current reduc- would tend to depress the price of both the new supply and the carryover. On the other hand, should the war be protracted into another year, the advantage of a small current crop would e too obvious for comment. So from any angle the subject may be viewed, it behooves the South, while continuing to make its own supplies, to produce only a moderate crop of cotton for 1916, and the true policy is to restrict acreage and intensify production—a necessity made doubly imperative by the absence of important fertiliz r materials.

"And while considering what is necessary for our well-being, it may not be amiss to observe that had the high seas, instead of passing under the undisputed control of the Allies, been successfully contested to the extent of making possible the depredation of commerce destroyers, the South would be bankrupt. The history of the Alabama is a conclusive demonstration of the soundness of this opinion, and of this the meteoric career of the Emden is a current confirmation.

"J. A. TAYLOR."

Mr. Gore Very Hopeful.

"You ask about the outlook for 1916. It looks better than it did a year ago. I think if we will each work six days each week and do it intelligently we will have some profit on the right side of the ledger when the year ends; but our strained foreign relations, the high rate of freight and insurance on all goods, and esecially on our cotton going to all foreign countries, is one large fly in the ointment.

"The tendency our people have to speculate and with money much easier to borrow and at a much lower rate of interest than it was a year ago, makes it easier to drift into than usual. We speak of Wall Street and those men of high finance who run the market; they speculate more intelligently than our farmers and merchants. Wall Street is posted daily from all parts of the world on everything usually sold on our markets as well as those sold on all other markets. Our merchants and farmers, as a rule, are not posted but believe very strongly that articles like cotton, tobacco and peanuts must go up because they want them to go up; and the average man who is in debt will speculate by holding his stuff for a higher price much more so than a man who is out of debt will hold his. This speculative idea is one of the worst things in a business way I know of. Why not sell a part and hold a part of their commodities: that is, if they have the money to hold on, and if in debt sell and pay the debt when due and hold the balance. Our people do not dread debt enough and these are times in which credit is too cheap. On the whole, we do not know when the war will end and when it does, the interest on money may advance rapidly and if so, the man that is plunging on borrowed money at the present rate would not sleep well at night, but the sun will continue to rise in the East and set in the West, and the man who will keep eternally at hard work and be cautious will get there.

"D. L. GORE."

Good Times for South.

"Unless one hurries to predict good times for the South he will lose the credit of being a prophet We can not doubt the reports of unprecedented prosperity which is now being experienced in the North and West, and this means increased buying power and increased markets for all Southern products.

"The conditions are exactly the reverse from those which faced us twelve months ago. When we recall the fact that all of the South's chief products were then marketable, if at all, only at prices below the cost of production, and that this caused the shutting down of many of the most important industries, it is remarkable that this section stood up under the strain as well as it did.

"The greatest single factor in making this possible was undoubtedly the beneficial influence of the newly established Federal Reserve Bank, which gave promise of ample financial resources at a time when monetary stringency would have been disastrous.

"Today, with a favorable market and good prices for practically all Southern products, with the buying power of all sections of the country at its maximum, and with a banking system, which has demonstrated its value, in good working order, it seems that the South has the best outlook for the next few years that it has ever had; and in view of this situation it is certainly the part of wisdom for every one who wishes to participate in these good times to make such plans and take such preliminary steps as will make this possible. Good times can only come in full measure to those who intelligently prepare and industriously work for them. Now, while the drift is with us, it is our opportunity to pull all together and establish high standards in every field of advancement.

"HUGH MACRAE."

Prospects Are Favorable.

"If the European war could be settled and the people of the world once more enjoy peace, we feel that 1916 could well be welcomed as a year of much promise by the commercial interests of all nations, and particularly of this great United States and our favored Southland.

"The farmers of the Carolinas have had good crops and fair prices, which has enabled them to pay this year's debts and much on account of amounts carried over. They have an unusual grain and forage supply, which together with meat, potatoes and sorghum, raised at home, will do much toward providing them with the necessities for making a new crop.

"Scarcity of fertilizer will materially effect productions, but we are hopeful that this will be offset by expense, which will make results profitable and satisfactory.

"The demand for lumber has enabled our sawmills to again run on full time, and hundreds of men will again find employment in this industry. This should also materially help the railroads who, with others, have suffered the past year.

"We can well say farewell to 1915, and hope that its record will never be repeated.

"MARCUS W. JACOBI."

Foodstuffs Are Plentiful.

"Replying to yours of December 24, I believe that the South, and especially the two Carolinas, have more food on hand in the way of corn, meat and potatoes than they have had for years, which means that it will not take near the usual amount of advances to take care of our farmer friends the coming season. This helps greatly and means that good times are ahead, in my opinion.

W. B. COOPER."

Farmers Should Take Heed.

"In reply to your favor of the 24th inst., asking for ' a brief expression of opinion as to business prospects and conditions for 1916,' I take pleasure in saying that the evidences of improved business conditions are so plain that 'he who runs may read.' This is especially true of the South, with which I am somewhat familiar and in which I am most deeply interested.

"I attribute this improved condition in our own section primarily to the new banking system adopted by a Democratic administration; to the reduced acreage and production of cotton, followed automatically by largely increased prices for that great staple, and to the increased acreage devoted to wheat, corn and other cereals and to the raising of food animals.

"But, will the increased prosperity in the South continue? It surely will if the farmers and planters adhere to their policy of less cotton and more grain and meat. But a big crop of cotton and a return to the smokehouses and grain elevators of the West for their food supplies means disaster to the farmers. And disaster to the farming interests means a corresponding depression to all other interests.

"WM. H. BERNARD."

In Wake of Prosperity.

"Judging from improvements in business during the past six months I believe the year 1916 will prove a most prosperous one. With diversified crops, good school facilities, good roads, fine railroad service, excellent rural route postal service, preparedness for any emergency, with every man on his job for at least eight (if necessary fourteen) hours per day, is bound to bring prosperity to any country.

"H. McL. GREEN,
"Postmaster."

Retail Business Better.

"Business is better than it was a year ago, there is a noticeable improvement generally and we look forward to 1916 going far ahead of 1915.

"C. W. POLVOGT."

Seen Nothing of Barge Potomac.

The coast guard cutter Seminole returned to port yesterday morning after an unsuccessful cruise and search for the barge Potomac, which broke loose from the tug Underwriter last week 23 miles southwest of Frying Pan Shoals. No report has come from the barge, which was loaded with a cargo of lumber.

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FARMERS INSTITUTES IN EASTERN CAROLINA

To be Held in 34 Counties Early in the New year

Dates Announced for Each; Arrangements Complete—Not a Convict Paroled Christmas Failed to Return, so Far Reported.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 31.—Director T. B. Parker, of the farmers' institute division of the State Department of Agriculture, has completed arrangements for a series of institutes for farmers and their wives to be held in 34 of the Eastern Carolina counties during January and February. Captain Parker has arranged to especially emphasize in the institutes for the men such subjects as soil improvement, live stock, the growing of more grain, general crop diversification and kindred matters.

For the institutes for women there will be special attention to care of the home, sanitation, household economics, kitchen garden and the proper feeding and care of children, and other matters of most importance to the farm home.

A special new feature this year will be the study of fire prevention problems under the direction of a special representative of the State Department of Insurance. In all the sections in which the institutes are to be held there will be co-operation with the State, district and county demonstration agents. There will be special speakers sent out by the State Department of Agriculture for all these institutes and the local farmers are to be pressed into service for assistants as far as possible. The dates in the counties, named in alphabetical order, follow:

Beaufort, February 4 and 8; Bertie, February 2; Bladen, January 29, February 15; Brunswick, February 4, 5, 7, 8; Camden, January 27; Carteret, February 12; Chowan, January 31; Columbus, February 9, 10, 11; Craven, February 7, 16; Cumberland, January 24, 25, 26 and February 16; Currituck, January 24 and 26; Duplin, January 22, 25; Edgecombe, January 27; Gates, February 3; Granville, February 9; Halifax, February 7; Harnett, January 21, 22; Johnston, January 19, 20; Jones, February 8 and 9; Martin, February 1; Nash, January 20, 21; New Hanover, February 3; Northampton, February 4 and 5; Onslow, February 10, 11; Pamlico, February 14 and 15; Pasquotank, January 28 and 29; Pender, January 26, February 1 and 2; Pitt, January 28, 29 and 31; Robeson, February 12, 15, 17; Sampson, January 24, 27, 28 and 31; Tyrrell, February 2; Washington, February 3; Wayne, January 9, 20 and 21; Wilson, January 19 and 20.

Christmas Parole Big Success.

Governor Craig is more and more pleased with the outcome of his novel order giving trusties in State and county convict camps three days' parole to spend with relatives or friends. With reports in from the great majority of the counties in which there were convicts to be released, there has not yet developed a single instance in which a trustie released failed to return to camp or prison promptly. Also, letters from convicts and members of the families of convicts who were favored by the order indicate the finest sort of spirit.

The wife of one convict, living at Greensboro, wrote the Governor that the return of her husband for the Yuletide made the Christmas of that family a most joyful one. She wrote that the children seemed to feel that their father had merely come home from his work and they were so glad to see him.

Words of Commendation.

The "Sons of North Carolina of New York City," wrote the Governor through the secretary of the society that there was the highest commendation for his humane act there and that the members of the society put the Governor first in their affections and that they were proud of him.

Sheriff J. M. Deaton, of Iredell, wrote that six trusties released in Iredell returned promptly; Sheriff J. H. Kreder, of Rowan, wrote that 15 released in his county all returned, 13 being negroes; Sheriff R. B. Lane, Craven, that he released three and all returned promptly.

BERNICE SMITH AND J. L. MOORE ESCAPE FROM JAIL IN HARNETT

Prisoners Who Were Under Military Guard at Dunn Get Away.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Dunn, N. C., Dec. 31.—Bernice Smith, held on several charges and under sentences aggregating several years, and John L. Moore, sentenced to jail for alleged attempt at bribing a Federal officer, with three other prisoners, escaped from jail at Lillington Wednesday night.

While being given supper by Jailer Stewart, Moore feigned an attack of acute indigestion and seemed in great pain. So realistic was his suffering that Jailer Stewart, believing him in severe pain, went at once for a physician. Upon returning, he found that someone had evidently sawed through the bars in one of the windows in the corridor, and all had "flown."

It will be remembered that Smith and Moore are two of the parties held in jail here recently under military guard, it being thought at the time that an attempt would be made to liberate them. It was not thought necessary to continue the military guard at Lillington as the jail has heretofore proven safe.

The three prisoners escaping with Moore and Smith were held on minor charges, and it is thought that all will be rounded up in short order. In the future their dining service will be "individual" in the strictest sense; the "meals a la family" sign will be replaced by one reading, "safety first."

Man conquers only through his strength; woman in her weakness.

A man is dead while yet alive if there is no peace at home.

How to Give Quinine to Children.

FEBRILINE is the trade-mark name given to an improved Quinine. It is a Tasteless Syrup, pleasant to take and does not disturb the stomach. Children take it and never know it is Quinine. Also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not nauseate nor cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for 2-ounce original package. The name FEBRILINE is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

NORTH CAROLINA'S PER CAPITAL TAX AT BOTTOM

Lower Than That of Any Other State in the Union

Remarkable Statement of Tax Conditions to be Issued by Corporation Commission—Wilmington Dispatch Chartered.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 31.—The North Carolina Corporation Commission has prepared and will issue to the newspapers in a very few days a remarkable statement of tax conditions in North Carolina, particularly as they apply to State-wide equalization of tax assessments and the per capita tax in this State compared with other states in the Union. The statement will show that the per capita tax in North Carolina is less than any other state in the country, the exact relative amounts of tax, per capita, for each state to be shown.

Those in touch with the facts contained in the statement assert that it will leave no justification whatever for the declared purpose of Republican leaders in this State to make taxation conditions a campaign issue in 1916. At the same time it gives a comprehensive statement of the conditions sought to be remedied by State-wide equalization and the net result of the commission's equalization effort this year, this being about 10.5 per cent increase.

Wilmington Dispatch Chartered.

The Myers Bros. Co., Winston-Salem, is chartered with $125,000 capital authorized and $1,000 subscribed for a general mercantile business by Aaron A. Myers, W. P. Brown and W. N. Taylor.

Another charter is for the Leonard-Dillon Co., of Winston-Salem, capital $25,000 authorized and $3,400 subscribed by G. L. Leonard, W. J. Dillon, H. T. Dillon and J. I. Coward. The company will do a mercantile business, wholesale and retail.

The Fuquai Springs Corporation is chartered for Wake county with $200,000 authorized and $25,000 subscribed by W. H. Aiken, W. H. Aiken, Jr., and K. B. Johnson. The company will develop Fuquay Springs as a health resort and commercialize the Fuquay Springs mineral water.

The Dispatch Publishing Co., of Wilmington, is chartered with $75,000 capital authorized and $15,000 subscribed for the publication of the daily Wilmington Dispatch and a general publishing business. The incorporators are Jas. O. Reilly, Wm. E. Lawson and Thos. W. Davis.

New Brands of Fertilizers.

Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham says an unusually large number of new brands of fertilizers are being registered this season by fertilizer manufacturers, this indicating that the manufacturers are adjusting their formulas to conform with the curtailed supply of the principal fertilizer ingredients. The Commissioner says there are generally not more than two-fifths of the fertilizer brands registered that are actually put upon the market. There is no registration fee for brands in this State. Numbers of the states require fees as high as $5 for brands.

In the State Department of Education there is being worked out the schedule of apportionments among the counties of the State of the first $250,000 State appropriation for the public schools. This apportionment is distributed per capita on the basis of the number of school children in each county. The figures will be submitted to the State Board of Education Monday and the distribution of the fund definitely ordered.

There will follow later the apportionment of the equalization fund derived from the State tax of 5 cents on the $100 property valuation. It is estimated that this fund will amount to about $406,000 this year. Its purpose is to bring the school terms in the different counties as nearly as possible to the six months minimum fixed by law. There were six counties to which it was found to be unnecessary to make apportionments from this fund last year. These were Durham, Forsyth, Halifax, Haywood, New Hanover and Wilson.

"Christmas Savings" Stolen.

Elber Jones, colored, who was brought from Norfolk to answer the charge of stealing the "Christmas Savings" of George Harris and wife, amounting to $65, was bound over to the Superior Court today and will await trial in the county jail. Harris is a well known negro brick mason and his wife had just drawn their Christmas fund from the bank when the thief sneaked into their dwelling and stole the money from the trunk. Jones was traced by the police to Danville, Lynchburg and Norfolk before he was finally arrested.

The Raleigh Associated Charities has re-elected Wm. J. Andrews as president and R. S. Stephenson as superintendent for the next year. The annual report shows that aid was given to 1,775 needy applicants during the past year and that 37 others who applied were found to be unworthy.

FIRE DELAYS FAST TRAIN

A. C. L. Palmetto Limited Held Up Five Hours by Burning Lumber Mill.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 31.—A five hours delay for the northbound Palmetto limited train of the Atlantic Coast Line and a blocking of the tracks of the company and their being warped out of condition was caused Wednesday night at Sellers, S. C., when the mammoth plant of the Tilghmann Lumber Company was burned to the ground. The train arrived at Sellers at 9 o'clock and at that time the fire was burning so rapidly that it would have terrorized and tortured those on the train had the train attempted to dash by. The train was stopped and those on board watched the flames wipe out the great plant and mammoth supply of lumber.

RAILROAD MEN PROMOTED.

E. D. Hotchkiss Becomes C. & O. Freight Traffic Manager.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 31.—Elmore D. Hotchkiss, general freight agent of the Chesapeake & Ohio railway, becomes freight traffic manager tomorrow, according to a circular just issued. Mr. Hotchkiss will continue to have offices in this city. Thornton Lewis, general western agent, is made assistant freight traffic manager, and will have headquarters in Cincinnati. A. P. Gilbert, assistant freight agent, is promoted to general freight agent with headquarters in Richmond.

A man often places his own value on himself by the bride he selects

STRICKEN PEOPLE OF POLAND CALL FOR AID

New Year's Day Officially Set Apart for Contributions

Day Designated in Proclamation by President Wilson—Needs Set Forth in Resolutions by United States Senate.

New York, Dec. 31.—President Wilson issued a proclamation on December 18, setting Saturday, January 1, 1916, as a special day upon which the people of the United States may make such contributions as they feel disposed for the aid of the stricken people of Poland. The President cites the resolution received by him from the Senate of the United States which sets forth briefly the needs of the Polish population. The resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, the attention of the people of the United States has been from time to time directed to the appalling situation in Poland, where practically the entire population today is homeless, and where men, women and children are perishing by the thousands for lack of shelter, clothing and food.

"And, whereas, the people of the United States have demonstrated their sympathy for the suffering people on all sides in the great European war by their splendid and successful charitable work in Belgium, Servia, and other places; and feeling that the American people would quickly respond to an appeal for help in Poland, once the tragedy of the situation there is brought home to them.

"Be it resolved, That, appreciating the suffering of these stricken people, it is suggested that the President of the United States set aside a day in the forthcoming holiday season upon which day a direct appeal to the sympathy of all American citizens shall be made, and an opportunity shall be given all to contribute to a much needed holiday fund for relief in Poland."

No greater need by an entire nation has ever existed than now prevails in Poland.

Sixteen million totally destitute people, the greater part of them women and children, are facing starvation and the grim possibility of death by freezing.

The winters of Poland are always looked forward to with dread, even by those inured to their hardships, but the present winter, it is feared, will cause suffering the like of which has never been known in the history of mankind. Widows and children—hundreds of thousands—are wandering in the wastes of Poland. Descriptions have reached this country of their emaciated forms, huddling in the cannon ruts and disease laden trenches, and of starving processions of the old and the sick, of feeble children and infants, stopping every now and then to bury one who had given up the struggle.

The American Polish Relief Commission of 12 and 14 East 46th Street, New York City, propose to forward money, food and clothing to these suffering people. The commission numbers among its members men of nation-wide repute, a few of whom are given below:

Dr. John Greer Hibben, President Princeton University.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president Columbia University.

Hon. Theodore E. Burton, of Ohio.

Henry J. Patten, of Chicago.

Governor Arthur S. Capper, of Kansas.

E. A. Van Valkenburg, Philadelphia North American, and others.

Gifts of food and clothing may be sent to the commission's headquarters in New York city. Cash contributions should be made payable to the Guaranty Trust Co., Treasurer, New York City.

AMERICAN POLISH RELIEF COMMISSION.

Physician Treats Babe by Wireless

HATTEROUS DOCTOR DIAGNOSES ILLNESS, PRESCRIBES AND RECEIVES REPORT FROM 800 MILES AT SEA.

Washington, N. C., Dec. 31.—Of the practice of medicine by wireless, the receipt of a call of distress from a mother of a sick babe on a ship 800 miles off Cape Hatteras, of the symptoms being told on shore, a land physician prescribing and the child's life being saved, is the marvelous story told by Joe E. Bell, of Cape Hatteras, who arrived today in Washington. Mr. Bell recites how the wireless call for a physician's aid was received at the Hatteras station from some passenger boat in the Atlantic and of how the distress call was answered and Dr. Sutton, of Hatteras, was summoned, and, inquiring the symptoms of the child's ills, he prescribed and the prescription was filled from the limited supply of drugs embraced in the ship's pharmacy.

On the following day the wireless operator at Hatteras was again reached from the shipboard and the news of the baby's improved condition was received, and later came a report of its practically entire convalescence. Mr. Bell, who is a member of a family that has long been associated with the life saving station work on the North Carolina coast and who is one of the prominent residents of Hatteras, is authority for the statement that Dr. Sutton has just received a handsome check which runs into three figures and that the Hatteras wireless operator was remembered.

INVESTIGATES PANAMA SLIDES.

National Academy of Sciences Has Not Yet Given Out Report.

Panama, Dec. 31.—The National Academy of Sciences slide committee has completed its investigation of the earth movement in the Gaillard Cut but has not yet given out any information as to its report which will be submitted to President Wilson soon. The general impression here is, however, that the body will virtually endorse the methods of Major General George W. Gosthals, governor of the Canal Zone, and the canal engineers, for overcoming the slide.

THEATRICAL

"In the Palace of the King," today's imposing offering at the Royal, is a thrilling romance. Knights of old and ladies fair step out of the realm of dreams to appear in reality in Essanay's six-act filmization of this wonderful story by F. Marion Crawford, who wove in a thrilling love romance around the reign of King Phillip Second, of Spain.

Five thousand persons, including one thousand horsemen, one thousand foot soldiers, hundreds of peasants, royal personages, courtiers and officers, take part in this great spectacular photoplay. It is the story of a great love between Don John, half brother of the King, and Dolores, daughter of a Spanish general. Royal plots and court intrigues separate the lovers and nearly cause the death of Don John. But love is triumphant.

The all-star cast includes E. J. Radcliffe, the noted stage star; Richard C. Travers, Arleen Hackett, Lewis Edgard, Ernest Maupain, Lillian Drew and Thomas Commerford.

The Moving Picture World said in part: "This feature outranks any previous Essanay production in magnificent settings, in the splendor of costumes, and in the compelling grip of the story."

A Scene from "In the Palace of the King," at the Royal Today.

Today at the Victoria.

The greatest and most wonderful wild animal motion pictures ever taken—of the denizens of the Agrican jungles in their native haunts—are the "Paul J. Rainey African Hunt," which is the attraction for today only at the Victoria.

Mr. Paul Rainey is a millionaire sportsman of Cincinnati, and undertook this hunt purely from a standpoint of sport. But he was persuaded by the Jungle Film Company, to allow a large corps of camera men to accompany him, and whenever there was a big hunt on or a dangerous jungle to explore, these intrepid men of the camera and film were always at the forefront.

For a whole year they traversed the unbeaten paths of the African wilds, emerging at the end with the greatest collection of pictures than have ever been taken. They have been arranged into a great six-reel production, and have been drawing capacity crowds all over the country. The performance will be continuous today, starting at 2 p .m., until 11 p. m.

Kalem Drama at Grand.

Guy Coombs, Anna Nilson, Joseph Baker and Martin Strong play principal roles in a great two-reel Kalem drama heading today's big bill at the Grand, "The Night of the Embassy Ball," a stirring drama with diplomatic intrigue as its basis. It deals with the struggles of three nations to prevent an impending conflict between two principalities and is startlingly thrilling all the way through.

It is from the pen of Doty Hobart, and no less an exalted personage than a prince plays the leading role, and the entire story has a Richard Harding Davis air. It can safely be recommended to lovers of a delightful and thrilling romance, as thoroughly satisfying.

Hearst-Selig News contains many great events today, principally being a stirring football game between Harvard and Yale, and Italians on the battle front in Europe.

There is a great Essanay comedy scream, "Shakeville's Eugenic Marriage," rich, rare and racy all the way through.

"Juror No. 7"—Bijou Today.

He was down and out and he needed the coin, Ben did; and when they bought him clothes and handed him real money to go on the jury and stick for conviction of a man the "big boss" had "framed" he intended to earn his money. But he didn't expect that "the man higher up" was the man that framed him and started him downward, so the end and the verdict were as different as this corking two-reeler, "Juror Number Seven," featuring Ben Wilson and Dorothy Phillips, at the Bijou today. It has more punches to the square inch of film than there are in a three-ring show, and, if you don't see it you're missing a great treat on this blessed New Year's Day.

Universal Animated Weekly, which always gets the big things first, shows the first pictures of the Henry Ford "Flivver" ship as it sailed on its mission of peace from New York City. There are several hundred feet devoted to this event, which is still the talk of the world. Then there are seven different war scenes from different parts of Europe—a genuine war number, is this today.

Funny Victor Potel presents another scream, "Slim, Fat or Medium," with a laugh to every square inch.

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—The $5,360,000 4 per cent. 30-year city loan for municipal improvements, bids for which were opened today, was oversubscribed six times. The bonds were awarded mostly to local banking institutions at prices ranging from 102.30 to 102.297.

BIJOU

"JUROR NO. SEVEN"

Ben Wilson and Dorothy Phillips in a Great Two-Reel Thriller.

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Victor Potel, in Another Great Scream.

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TOP O' THE MORNING

Quit you, like men: be strong;
There's a battle to fight,
There's a wrong to right,
There's a God who blesses the good with might—
So fare ye forth with a song.
—WILLIAM HERBERT HUDNUT.

Hello, Leap Year!

Peek-a-boo, sweet 1916!

Today is the beginning of Leap Year.

Farewell to last years' pipe dreams.

Keep to the right; hold to the right.

Stop lying on and about Doc Cook this year.

Let's make this Wilmington's year of jubilee.

Saturday, January 1, 1916—Resolved, first, second, third, fourth, and so forth.

Some men tell all they know and also tell other things they don't know.

Young men can't be too careful this year. Proposals from the other sex are in order.

Some men are so constituted that when they walk into a business house they instinctively go to the cashier's desk.

Mr. Ford never got the sympathy of America, because America will refuse to make peace till its side makes a better showing.

Don't sneeze and spread disease, Don't snore and wheeze galore, Don't squeeze and kiss and tease—Refrain forever more.

Impertinent scribes, we herein greet you with the facilitations of the season, and bespeak happiness and thrift beyond limit.

We know a boy who is going to be a politician. When he gets all the pie he wants he ceases to be anxious about his chances till the time rolls around for more pie.

The sale of horse meat in New York is now permitted by law. Lots of folk say "Bah," but, just the same, they relish Bologna sausage without entertaining the slightest suspicion.

Today and henceforth it is unlawful to deal in strike-any-where matches, but we know a fellow who's gonna strike a match anywhere he can get a girl to agree to it. He is a long-standing debutante.

The Greensboro News ejaculates: "To all the paragraphing fraternity: Happy New Year!" The same to you and all the family. G-u-g-g-l-e, guggle, bubble, bubble, guzzle, guzzle! Here's to all in Adam's ale—evermore.

Prof. Emily B. Balch, of Wellesley College, declares that one of the effects of the war in Europe will be to make women a drug on the market. If Dr. Emily is right, men are bound to become addicted to whatever kind of drug the women will be.

If you see anybody with the dry grins, it is a South Carolinian making out like he is satisfied till he can escape in the direction of Milwaukee. On and after today the chief ingredient of a square meal in Columbia will be the sandwich that used to go with what is now outlawed by the Saharazation of South Carolina. Even Bob Gonzales, of the Columbia State, has to acknowledge the corn.

The consumer is the last man in the world to hope that the Republicans and Progressives will get together and carry the country. The multi-millionaire beneficiaries of Republican tariffs are encouraging fusion because it will be worth millions to them to once more be able under a high tariff to levy tribute on the people. Why there are people who are willing to pay the tribute which makes the rich richer and the poor poorer passes our comprehension.

THE COAST LINE AND THE NEW YEAR.

An annual comer to The Star office at the first of the year is the Atlantic Coast Line calendar, an office prerequisite which has become familiar during all these years and which is especially useful because it is conspicuously up-to-date in its chief characteristic of being seen from any point in the office. Besides that, however, the Coast Line calendar carries at least a couple of stories concerning "The Standard Railroad of the South."

For one thing, the calendar reminds us that 50 per cent of the line from North to South is double-tracked and the entire double-tracked portion of the line is protected by an equipment of electric automatic block signals. All the remainder of the line is protected by an efficient telegraph and telephone system. A point showing how carefully the Coast Line regards the safety of life along its lines, is the fact that 96 per cent of all the railroad crossings and junctions are protected by modern interlocking safety plants. One hundred per cent of all draw bridges have been equipped with modern interlocking plants, or such protection is under construction. All bridges are modern steel and concrete structures, and a heavy-railed, splendidly ballasted and efficiently maintained track entities it to be ranked as the standard railroad of the South.

The able management of the Atlantic Coast Line aims at a standard both as to the physical efficiency of the property and its service as a public carrier, with a maximum of comfort and satisfaction always in mind and vigorously striven for from one year's end to another. The Southern tourist advantages of the Atlantic Coast Line are pre-eminent and its special service for tourists journeying from the cold of the North to the sub-tropics of the South grow better with each succeeding year. "The New York and Florida Special" was inaugurated 29 years ago and that service is now up to the zenith of completeness. The tourists have the pleasure of rapid travel in a train de luxe, combining comfort, elegance, luxuriousness and service as a high characteristic of modern railroad operation. Four modern and elegant Pullman trains give the most exceptional service to and from Southern resorts. Appreciation of that fact is manifest by the thousands of tourists who begin a heigera from the North to the South every year about this time. The "New York and Florida Special" will be inaugurated for the season next Monday and it will be maintained till April, when the back-home movement is practically at an end.

While 50 per cent of the main line has been double-tracked 59 per cent of the line between Wilmington and Jacksonville has been double-tracked. Thus there is one Southern road with a North and South line that does credit to the South. There is a magnificent dining room service on the Coast Line trains and there is no detail that is not punctiliously provided in all respects.

The calendar is a booster for the Nation's Garden Spot and it proclaims in a striking way the advantages of this section and its varied resources, potentialities, attractiveness, all summonsing home-seekers to a land of marvelous possibilities and countless opportunities. Thus the calendar, sent by the thousands to the North and South, East and West, at the beginning of the year, constitutes an effective medium of publicity as well as a vade mecum in business offices where it is sure to find a conspicuous place on the wall.

A LUCKY NEW YEAR IS HERE.

The Star extends felicitous greetings of the New Year to everybody and wishes for all the completest happiness and the greatest prosperity it is possible to attain. Quite naturally our thought this morning is of 1916, and we are wondering what it has in store for us as a people, State and Nation. We are full of encouragement and hope, and that is fully justified by the auguries of the present.

The year begins auspiciously and those who wonder whether it will be a lucky year or not are reminded that it will be lucky in proportion to our courage and industry. The year can bring us nothing in the way of bad luck, outside of those incidents peculiar to life and which we cannot avoid whether we be prosperous or unfortunate during the next twelve months. In a material sense, the year is up to us and it is for us to make out of it everything within our power.

Let us remember that we must depend upon ourselves instead of the year. Recently Chas. M. Schwab, the steel magnate, was congratulated upon his great luck during the past year. He had all sorts of good luck while some of us were complaining of the toughest luck we ever had. Mr. Schwab made answer: "Some people call it luck, but they are mistaken. Whatever success I have had is due to hard work, not to luck. No, I am hoping for better things. I've got my sleeves rolled up and I'm working for them."

Mr. Schwab is "working" for those better things in the future. He has worked for them in the past. What he did for himself in the years gone by placed him in a position where tremendous things came his way last year. He had iron works, while others of us didn't. However, those of us who tided over the months of depression following the war in Europe did so because of work done years ago. Those were years of preparation, and when depression came those who were prepared for it didn't have luck; they had the goods to depend upon instead of luck.

What we do for ourselves will indicate what we will have at the end of the year. We need not expect luck or wait for luck, but we must do things that beat luck out of sight.

GLIMPSING BACKWARD, LOOKING FORWARD

Goodbye, Old Year! We do not say, Begone! it is farewell with 1915 whether we are moved by vain regret, or whether, for some reason or other, we cannot regret that at the last midnight hour the twelfth stroke of the clock struck out the year that has gone glimmering into the past.

When yesterday ended so did time end for the Old Year! Within the past year there was life and death, joy and sorrow, pain and pleasure, gladness and anguish, success and failure. It was all over with that old year yesterday, for since last midnight it has been a part of the dead past just as are the countless years that are gone forever, never to return. Along with the old year there are buried loved ones, but hope survives and courage remains for us to go forward into another year of triumphs, disappointments, opportunities, disasters, and all the good and ills of life, for they are so mixed in each year that they all seem alike. Each year is but a time marker on our journey to eternity, and we are but going through the deserts, the oases, the vales, the shadows, the darkness and the light. It is futile to look back and live in the dead past. All the courage that mankind can summons is needed to go forward with Father Time to the end.

Life is not all of sweets nor all of bitterness, nor all of pleasure, but inevitable with all there is a final end of all—the same end for every being and creature who is a part and parcel of the world's greatest mystery—what we call Life. There is almost as much mystery in the courage and endurance and hope and confidence with which men and women face the future—ringing out the Old Year and ringing in the New Year, a tocsin which sounds aloud and merrily that a brave and fearless army of humanity yet remains to welcome another year in which to fight the battle of life.

We can not forget the past, but we must remember that it is gone, whether we will or not. The law of inevitability controls, and yet there is resignation for what has occurred and yet again stout hearts and strong hopes to face the future undaunted in spirit and purpose to dare and to do. Whether chastened or triumphant, we follow life's strang, and, whether we will or not, we go right on ahead making "footprints on the sands of time."

A CHORUS OF OPTIMISM.

Wilmington business men join in a chorus of optimism concerning the business prospects and the assurances of prosperity for North Carolina and the South. They do so in a group of communications to be found elsewhere in The Star this morning, a number of this city's leading financiers and business men having expressed their views individually in letters addressed to President Louis E. Hall, of the Chamber of Commerce.

Men of the highest authority to speak concerning business conditions and prospects, they agree that the day of gloom for the South disappeared early during the past year and that forthwith a steady trend towards prosperity was begun. Steady revival of business and broadening of opportunities, commercial and financial, makes it inevitable that this section begins the New Year with every prospect of sharing in the unprecedented prosperity that has prevailed in the North and West. The South's time has now come, for the great resources which enabled her to tide over a peculiar condition of depression brought about by the war in Europe, now serve her as the means of steady progress for the future.

The South's opportunity now comes because of the fact that the sections in which she sells has experienced the most unprecedented prosperity and therefore their buying power was never greater than now. It means for the South a great opportunity to sell her products and go forward with the full sweep of her development. Good prices prevail and demand is large throughout the South's marketing centers at the North, so that there is little use to predict prosperity. It is so close upon us that its coming need not be foretold.

The complete view of these Wilmington business men can be had by reading what they have declared to the president of the Chamber of Commerce. They furnish a collective and conservative survey of an outlook that is wholly cheering at the beginning of another year of endeavor.

CURRENT COMMENT.

We congratulate the Wilmington Star on the handsome commendation it gave Editor James H. Cowan, of the Wilmington Dispatch, on the fine work he did in securing an "Empty Stocking" fund to fill up stockings in Wilmington on Christmas which otherwise might have gone empty. "Behold, how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in amity." We join in the congratulations to Editor Cowan on the splendid work he did.—Raleigh News and Observer.

We regret to note the fact that the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company has decided to change the schedule of its tri-weekly train operated between this city and Wilmington. We believe, that if proper action had been taken this could have been averted and if such had been done it would be proved of real worth to the [illegible] the early bird that gets the [illegible] in a matter of this sort, [illegible] tion should not be allowed [illegible] stead, action should be taken [illegible] New Bern Sun-Journal.

The Atlantic Coast Line Company is wasting time and [illegible] in a test case it has started in [illegible] mington courts. The suit is to [illegible] mine whether or not the office [illegible] the right to seize liquor under the laws of the State which restricts the quantity a person may secure to one quart every 15 days. Possibly the Coast Line's object is simply to satisfy customers of that line that the company cannot be held responsible for shipments that have been seized under the operations of the law.—Charlotte Observer.

A live commercial organization is invaluable to the growing city. Only through organized effort can the best things be secured and Greensboro, along with many other cities, realizes this fact. That city has recently completed the organization of an up-to-date and aggressive Chamber of Commerce. Four hundred and twenty-four members have joined the organization and have signed up for three years' service. Dues thus assured will give the organization an annual working outlay of over $10,000. We predict greater growth and expansion for the Gate City as a result of this advanced step.—Charlotte News.

LIEUT. GOV. DAUGHTRIDGE OFFERED BLOOD TO SAVE LIFE

Nephew Dies, However, From Effects of Gunshot Wound; Bled to Death

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 31.—When an infusion of blood from the veins of another was suggested by physicians in hopes of saving the life of Charlie Daughtridge, aged 14 years, who died Wednesday night at the Rocky Mount Sanitorium as the result of an accidental gunshot wound from a companion, Lieutenant Governor E. L. Daughtridge, an uncle of the boy, was the first to signify his willingness to give of his blood any amount the physicians might think was necessary. The youth, who was numbered among the brighter pupils of the city schools, was a first class scout of detachment No. 1, was the youngest son of the late Fletcher Daughtridge, and Mrs. Daughtridge, who is at this time Mrs. W. M. Cavin. The boy was fatally shot on Monday when a gun in the hands of a companion accidentally fired and the entire load lodged in his leg, severing both veins and arteries in the leg, and a wound from which so great a quantity of blood flowed that he never rallied sufficient to allow the removal of the leg before gangrenous complications set in.

It was in the hope of improving the boy's condition that an infusion of blood was suggested and, though the great danger from poisoning was pointed out, the executive officer of the State was the first to volunteer to take the chance and was present at the hospital and ready but the difference in their years caused consideration of others and Mr. Fred August, a machinist of the Atlantic Coast Line, and fellow members of the detachment of Boy Scouts, were ready to give of their blood. The great danger from the matter of poisoning, and the fatal results that would have been attendant, coupled with the general condition of the boy at the time caused an abandonment of the plan for stimulation by infusion.

MRS. SUGGS DENIES STORY

She Believes Her Husband Killed Her Father Accidentally.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 31.—Sitting in the reception room at the county jail, with her face marked with lines of trouble and worry, Mrs. Annie Suggs, wife of Claud Suggs, who on Christmas night shot and killed J. James, his father-in-law, at the latter's home near Jacksonville, Onslow county, this morning told a newspaper man that she still loved her husband and that she felt confident that he did not intend to kill her aged father, and that deep down in her heart she felt as though he would be cleared of the charge against him when he was placed on trial.

Mr. Suggs denied the report that she was said to have declared that she hoped her husband would have to pay the penalty for his crime and instead voiced the assertion that she sincerely trusted that he would be freed.

NEWBERN REGRETS CHANGE.

In Tri-Weekly Schedule Between Wilmington and That City.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 31.—Announcement just made by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company that they will, beginning Monday, change the schedule of their tri-weekly train operating between Newbern and Wilmington, has caused regret here.

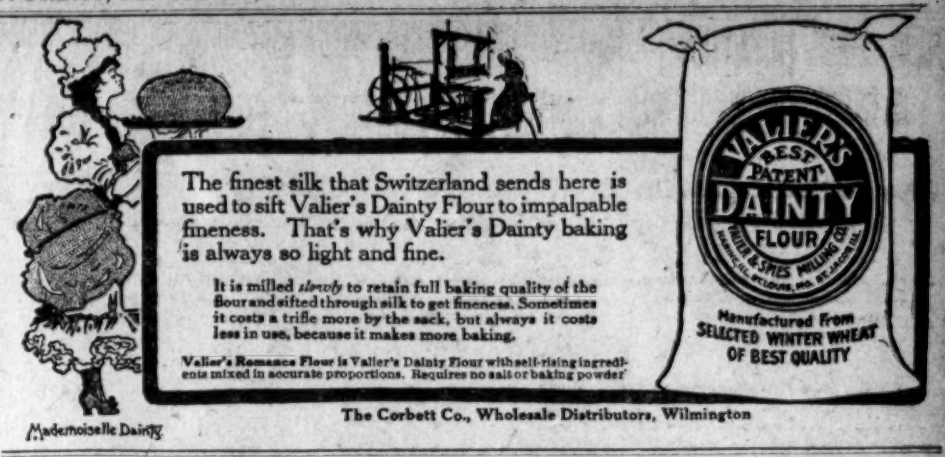
At present this tri-weekly train leaves Wilmington on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. The new schedule will make it leave there on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

A few days ago the members of the local chamber of commerce, in special session, voted to draw up resolutions protesting against this change. There was a delay in drawing up these resolutions and the change was made during this time.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Publicity headquarters for the National Prohibition party were established here today as an outgrowth of the conference held here thi sweek by leaders of the party. It was announced that a national prohibition bureau for the dissemination of news regarding liquor legislation and kindred subjects would be established soon.

A man's true interest is not always the advant ge of self-gain.

Petulance is a shadow that clouds the sunshine of life.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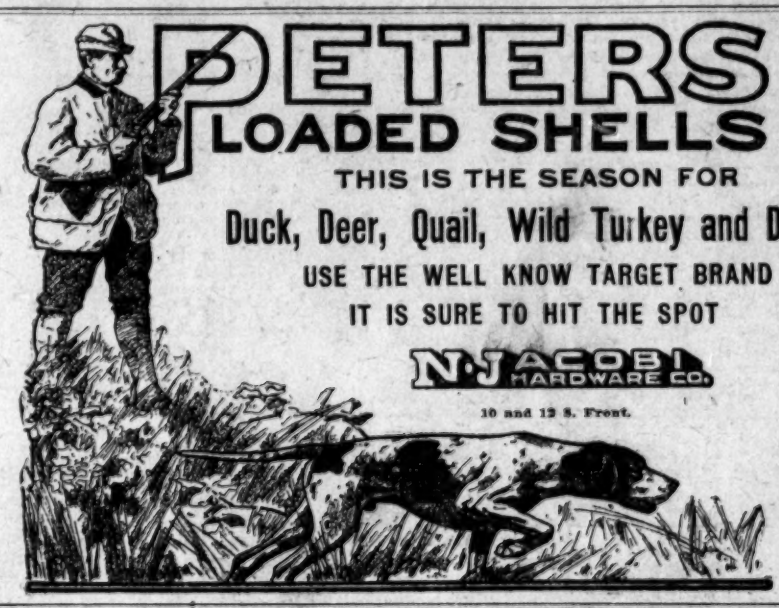
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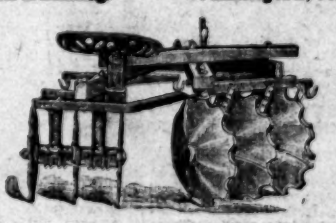

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NEW YEAR RECEIVES A CORDIAL WELCOME

Wilmington Celebrates In Usual Noisy Manner

Services Held in Many City Churches Last Night—Many Social Events. Wilmington Will Have Holiday Today.

Wilmington welcomed 1916 in noisy manner but with good cheer and, if the present year does not bring 12 months of happiness, it will be no fault of the people of the City by the Sea, for they did their best to make its coming a pleasant one. The newcomer was greeted with a real handclasp of cordial good fellowship in a manner entirely befitting the hospitality of the city.

Not all the celebrations in honor of the stranger were of the same kind, but all of them had the same object in view; namely, to give the new year an auspicious start. When the hour of midnight was struck and old faithful 1915 with its joys, its sorrows and its disappointments took its departure, there was a demonstrative reception on the part of many citizens while others preferred to usher in the visitor with prayer and supplication that the ensuing year may prove to be a far better one than its predecessor.

Wilmington will have holiday today. All of the banks and county offices will be closed while many of the business houses will take a day off to complete making inventories. There will not be a complete suspension of business but as many as can do so will have a day of rest.

Many of the churches in the city had watch night services last night and others will conduct services today. At the services last night special prayers were offered for 12 months of peace, prosperity and spiritual betterment.

While services were being held in the churches, all of them being largely attended, there were many parties at private homes and a number of dances and receptions. Jollity was the keynote of the night for these gatherings.

In many homes there were family reunions and in many of them devotional services were conducted at the hour of midnight.

While the outward form of welcome for the New Year is usually about the same, there is much more of the spirit of good cheer this year than last. Business is far better than it was this time last year and while there is room for great improvement, there is abroad generally a spirit of optimism. Through it all, however, runs a subdued spirit for the great European war has left its impress upon the American people.

Watch Night Services.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian church held a business and social meeting last night in the church parlors which was followed by a watch night service. There was a large attendance.

The Sunday school of the Sixth Street Advent church held their annual Christmas tree in the church last evening, which was followed by a watch night service with appropriate devotional exercises. Special music was furnished by the church orchestra. There was a good attendance and all enjoyed and were helped by the occasion.

The regular Sunday school Christmas entertainment at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Thursday evening in Memorial Hall, was well attended and all the children were remembered by Santa Claus. Superintendent W. F. Tremaine was in charge and had a splendid programme arranged. A feature of the programme was the solo by little Miss Margaret Townsend, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Townsend.

At the Church of the Good Shepherd a watch night service was held last night beginning at 11:30 o'clock which was largely attended. Immediately after midnight the Holy Communion was celebrated. The service was an impressive one.

Many Social Events.

Several hundred Wilmington people attended the annual New Year's reception at the Elks' Temple last night. There was an enjoyable musical programme and the evening was spent most pleasantly in dancing.

The members of the L'Arioso German Club had their annual Christmas and New Year's dance at the Cape Fear Country Club last night. Music was furnished by Grainger's orchestra and dancing continued until after midnight.

A delightfully informal dance was given last night at Harmony Circle rooms in honor of several young ladies who are at home from college to spend the holidays.

Church Services Today.

As has been the custom for many years at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, instead of having a watch night service, a New Year's sunrise service will be held this morning at 7:30 o'clock in Memorial hall. Last year this was made a union service for all the churches in that part of the city and this will be the case today. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.

Services in celebration of the New Year will be held this morning at 10 o'clock at St. John's Episcopal church, conducted by the rector, Rev. W. E. Cox. The public is invited to attend.

New Year's Tournament.

There will be a golf tournament today at the Cape Fear Country Club. Beginning with the arrival of the 10 o'clock suburban car, there will be a bogie match which will be open to all members of the club, having a handicap of 18 or less. This match will be for 18 holes.

In the afternoon upon the arrival of the 2 o'clock car there will be a 12-hole contest, open to all members of the club.

The club will have an oyster roast and it is hoped that the lady members will come in large numbers, bring lunches and make the day an enjoyable one.

The prizes for both events will consist of copper cups for the winners and balls for the runners up.

New Year's Day is a National holiday, and as a consequence the banks and many of the public offices will be closed, while the postoffice will observe holiday hours, as follows: Stamp window will be open from 10 to 11 A. M. and from 5 to 6 P. M., and the general delivery window will be open from 11 A. M. to 12 M. and from 7 to 8 P. M.

Postmaster Green announces that stamps will be on sale at the general delivery window when it is open today.

BULL MONTANA DOWNED SMITH

Won Two Straight Falls in 46 and 22 Minutes Respectively—Most Spirited Match Yet.

In what was probably the most spirited match seen on the local mat, Bull Montana threw Herman Smith, in two straight falls last night at Woolvin Hall, before one of the largest and most interested crowds that has witnessed a match here. The first fall lasted 46 minutes, when Smith went down under the arm scissors and the reverse Nelson, while the second ended in 22 minutes when Montana threw Smith with a flying mare.

They were decidedly the two most muscular men that have been seen on the local mat since wrestling was revived here and both lived well up to their reputation of liking to rough it. The match was opened when Fritz Hanson, the referee, gave the word and they drove at each other like two mad bulls. The crowds cheered wildly as they made graceful escapes from the dangerous positions, principally by a short thrust with the arm or leg. The match was far from being the most scientific match of the season. Pure muscular strength played a big part. They neither seemed to mind such holds as the half Nelson, or toe hold. A thrust with the forearm on the nose and either of the wrestlers came out from the half Nelson, while they kicked off the attempts at a toe hold, as if it were a fly playing about their feet.

Montana looked more vigorous than did Varga at his recent appearance here, but Smith looked at his gnarling face with a carefree smile and sailed into him with vim. The fans seemed to sympathize with Smith who kept his head some better than Montana, Hanson having to call the latter down several times for getting too rough.

A match has already been arranged for Hanson and Montana for Friday of next week, he having promised before the match to meet the winner on that date. Smith may be seen here again, as he stated that he had not wrestled for several weeks and was not in the best of condition. The match next week between Hanson and Montana promises to be an interesting one.

A challenge was also received from the "Unknown" wrestler who gave Hanson a tough bout three weeks ago, challenging him for a second match. Hanson stated that he would accept and the match may be arranged in a few days for a near future date.

MANY CASES FOR RECORDER.

Term Lasted Until 1 O'clock—All Trivial Cases Heard.

The Recorder's court yesterday lasted until 1 o'clock with the hearing of trivial and continued cases. It being the last for the year and no more court until Monday, nearly all cases were handled and disposed of.

One of the most interesting was three cases against Tom Parker for the usual weakness, two of which carried sufficient evidence for conviction and sentence of two months each to the county roads, while the other was dismissed.

Sip Brown, colored, charged with breaking into the home of Mr. W. N. Royal and stealing articles of clothing, will have another hearing Wednesday of next week.

A case against Irodell Rushing, a white man, charged with disorderly conduct, was dismissed without costs as it was found that he had been convicted of another charge for practically the same offense.

A case against Robert Barnhill, colored, who was charged with obtaining $2 from Charles Finkelstein, a pawnbroker, under false pretense, was dismissed. Buddy Grady, colored, charged with assaulting Robbie Mae Bloodworth, was found not guilty.

A nol pros was granted in a case of disorderly conduct against Simon Evans, colored. A case against John Henry Costin, colored, charged with assault and battery against Fred Mitchell, was continued until January 4th. Two charges against May Porter, colored, one for assault and battery against Burton Briggs and disorderly conduct, was continued until January 5th. A case against Arthur Burnett, colored, charged with riding a bicycle without a light, was postponed.

CANDY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATE

Mr. E. L. Matthews Has Both His Businesses Under Same Management.

The business community will be interested in the announcement made from the office of E. L. Matthews Candy Company, Front and Hanover streets, and North State Candy Company with offices in the same building as to a consolidation of the business and affairs of both of these companies to take effect today. The stock in each of the companies has always been held largely by the same interests and the information is given that the affairs of North State Candy Company will be closed up and hereafter the business will be conducted by E. L. Mathews Candy Company.

Both of these companies have enjoyed a large patronage in their respective lines and under the same management which has built up the respective businesses to their present proportions, it is expected that the E. L. Mathews Candy Company will be enabled to enlarge its field of operations as manufacture and jobbers to a considerable extent.

RESIGNS AS GATEMAN.

Mr. S. W. Powell Will Operate Imperial Hotel in This City.

Mr. S. W. Powell, who has been the efficient gateman and special officer at the union station in Wilmington for the last two years, has resigned this position to assume charge of the Imperial Hotel which he recently leased for a term of years. He will run the hotel on both the European and American plans.

Mr. Powell has been running a pressing club on South Front street for the last several years and will continue this business. His many friends will wish for him much success. He is succeeded at the union station by Mr. N. J. Watkins.

THAT FIDDLER'S CONVENTION.

Will be Held in Wilmington Latter Part of This Month.

It is expected that there will be many fiddlers from this section in attendance at the fiddlers' convention which will be held in Wilmington the latter part of this month. This is to be a real old fashioned convention and only bona fide fiddlers will be allowed to compete for the prizes, although there will be a number of violinists who will give selections.

The committee on arrangements has sent out letters to leading fiddlers in this and other counties inviting them to attend. The event will be given wide publicity and it is hoped to have a large number of out-of-town visitors here for the affair.

TAKES OATH OF OFFICE TODAY

Hon. W. P. Stacy Will be Sworn in as Judge of Superior Court—Important New Law Firm.

Hon. W. P. Stacy will be sworn in today as Judge of the Superior Court for the eighth judicial district to succeed Judge George Rountree, who recently resigned to become a member of a new law firm which is to be composed of himself, Junius Davis, Esq., J. O. Carr, Esq., and Thomas W. Davis, Esq.

Graham Kenan, Esq., with whom Mr. Stacy has been associated in the practice of law since he came to Wilmington six years ago, will hereafter carry on the extensive business of this firm by himself, occupying the same offices in the Southern building.

There will be nothing formal in the administration of the oath of office to Mr. Stacy and it will likely be administered privately by a justice of the peace. Judge Stacy's first court will be at Warrenton beginning January 17th.

The new law firm of which Judge Rountree will be a member will be known as Rountree, Davis & Carr. All the members of the firm are well known and prominent members of the Wilmington bar and it will be one of the strongest in the State. Handsomely engraved announcement cards, dated January 1st, are being sent out today reading as follows:

"We announce the formation of a partnership for the practice of law under the firm name of

"Rountree, Davis & Carr, with offices in the Murchison National Bank Building, Wilmington, North Carolina. Judge Rountree has retired from the bench and the new firm will unite the practice heretofore handled by the firms of Davis & Davis and Rountree & Carr.

"JUNIUS DAVIS,
"GEO ROUNTREE,
"J. O. CARR,
"THOMAS W. DAVIS."

"Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 1st, 1916."

DONATIONS TO C. K. HOME.

Aged Ladies Were Remembered by Many Past Two Months.

Donations to the Catherine Kennedy Home for November and December are as follows: November, Lutheran church, sandwiches; First Presbyterian church, pies; Will Rehder, flowers; a friend, sugar; Mrs. Tom Bagley, groceries; a friend, coffee; Mrs. W. F. Wilder, groceries; Mrs. L. K. Taylor, preserves; First Presbyterian church, cakes; Mrs. Marcus Jacobi, milk; Fifth Avenue Junior League, fruit; St. James' Junior Auxiliary, fruit and vegetables; Germania Club, chicken salad and olives; Plate and Independent Ice companies, ice daily; Bunting and Bellamy, drugs; December, a friend, coffee; Mrs. Tom Bagley, groceries; Mrs. Marcus Jacobi, milk; St. James Junior Auxiliary, candy; Mrs. Joe Jacobi, fresh meat; Mrs. H. F. Wilder, milk and vegetables; Tuesday Afternoon Social, $10; Mrs. George O. Gaylord, fresh pork; Mrs. Phil Pearsall, peaches; a friend, oranges; Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters and Sons, fruit, candy and nuts; Dr. MacMillan, and Mrs. Shoemaker, punch and cake; Mrs. Beulah Hill, oranges, papers and magazines; First Presbyterian church Sunday school, oranges; S. H. Kress & Company, handkerchiefs; Mrs. W. H. Sprunt, money; a friend, baskets of fruit and candy and nuts; Mrs. Hall, flowers; Mrs. Louise Harlow, galax leaves; a friend, oranges; Bear & Co., wine; Plate and Independent ice companies, ice daily.

FUNERAL OF CAPTAIN BEERY.

Aged Citizen Died at Home of His Son on South Sixth Street.

The funeral of Capt. Whitford Robbins Beery, one of Wilmington's aged and highly respected citizens, whose death occurred yesterday morning at 4:30 at the home of his son, Mr. W. B. Beery, Sr., No. 406 South Sixth street, after an illness of about six weeks, will be conducted this morning at 10 o'clock from the residence by Rev. W. E. Cox, rector of St. John's Episcopal church. Interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

Captain Beery spent most of his life here and was until about 10 years ago, when he retired, one of the best known river and coast pilots in this section. During the past ten years he has been conducting a small grocery store at Winter Park where he has made himself dear to the hearts of all his neighbors. Capt. Beery served the entire four years of the War Between the States in the Confederate Navy, having been in school at Baltimore when the war broke out.

Mr. Beery was 71 years of age and is survived by his wife and three sons, Messrs. W. B. Beery, Sr., of this city, and Theodore and S. H. Beery, of Savannah, Ga., all of whom have the tenderest sympathy of their many friends here and elsewhere.

PRESENT GIFT TO CHIEF.

Wilmington Police Force Give Handsome Locket to Head of Department.

As a mark of their appreciation of his efficient management of the department since he has been at its head, the Wilmington police force last night presented to Chief of Police N. J. Williams a handsome locket. A few minutes before the time for the roll call at 7:45 o'clock, the members of the force formed in line and William J. Bellamy, Esq., in an eloquent address made the presentation in behalf of the force. He spoke in the highest terms of the splendid service that Chief Williams has rendered and assured him of the warm appreciation that the policemen have for him.

Chief Williams in accepting the gift declared that he felt like the gift came from his own family. He assured the members of the force that he appreciated it more than words could express.

Messrs. W. R. Applebury and J. O. Bullard were the members of the committee appointed to select the present for the force.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were filed for record yesterday: Frank Widlin and wife to L. P. Mathews and wife, for $10 and other considerations, tract of land in Cape Fear township containing five acres; J. J. Ham to D. R. Kornegay, for $175 and other considerations, lot on Wilmington Beach; J. H. Hinton to Kinsey Hobbs, for $100 and other considerations, two lots at Carolina Place.

Holiday Hours at Postoffice.

Postmaster H. McL. Green has announced that the following holiday hours will be observed today at the postoffice: Stamp window will be open from 10 to 11 A. M. and 5 to 6 P. M.; the general delivery window will be open from 11 A. M. to 12 M. and 7 to 8 P. M. Stamps will also be on sale at the general delivery window while it is open.

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"SAFETY FIRST"

SUNDAY SERVICES

Winter Park Baptist church, Winter Park—Services will be held Sunday evening at 7:30, conducted by the pastor, Rev. James A. Clark. Rev. Mr. Clark will use for his subject, "Our New Year's Gift to the Lord." Prayer meeting each Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

First Presbyterian church, corner of Third and Orange streets, Rev. John M. Wells, D. D., pastor—Services in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 8, with preaching by Dr. Wells. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the morning service. Sunday school in the afternoon at 3:30. Christian Endeavor in the evening at 7:15. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8. Public cordially invited to all these services.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. A. D. McClure, pastor: Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 8. Sabbath school at 3:30. Junior C. E. at 4:30. Senior C. E. at 7:15. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. Seats free. All welcome. The consecration week of prayer will be observed at this church Monday and Tuesday afternoons at 3:30, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings at 8.

Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian church, East Wilmington, Rev. H. W. Koelling, pastor: Sabbath school at 10:30 in the morning. Preaching at 11:15. Junior C. E. in the evening at 7. Senior C. E. at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. A cordial welcome to all these services.

Harnett Street Mission, Eighth and Harnett streets, Rev. W. M. Baker, evangelist in charge. Sabbath school at 9:30 in the morning. Preaching each second and fourth Sabbaths at 7:30 in the evening.

Immanuel Presbyterian church, Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor. Preaching tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock following which the men of the church will make a canvass of all the members of the church. Sunday School meets at 3 p. m. The service at night at 7:30 o'clock will be appropriate to New Year's.

Winter Park Presbyterian church, Rev. Andrew J. Howell, pastor—Services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by the pastor. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. Helping Hand Society Monday at 4 P. M. Ladies' Society Tuesday at 4 P. M. Mid-week prayer service Wednesday at 7:45 P. M. Preparatory service for the coming of Dr. Jones, Friday at 7:45 P. M. Everybody cordially invited to the services.

Delgado Presbyterian church—Services Sunday at 7:30 P. M., conducted by the pastor. Sunday school at 10:15 A. M. Mid-week service Thursday evening at 7:30. Public earnestly invited to attend the services.

FUNERAL OF MR. THOMPSON.

Official of Northern Central Railroad Buried at Rockingham.

The funeral of Mr. Herbert Dalton Thompson, Sr., assistant treasurer of the Northern Central Railway, whose sudden death occurred Thursday at his home in Baltimore, was held yesterday at Rockingham, N. C., where the remains were taken for interment. Mr. Thompson, who was but 55 years old, took cold last week through exposure to a rainstorm. On Christmas day his physician pronounced his illness pneumonia.

Yesterday's Baltimore Sun has the following:

"Mr. Thompson was for 32 years associated with the Northern Central Railway and in addition to his office of assistant treasurer of that road, was, at the time of his death, assistant treasurer of the Union Railroad Company of Baltimore City, assistant treasurer of the Elmira & Lake Ontario Railroad and treasurer of the Central Elevator Company. By order of Gamble Latrobe, agent and superintendent of the Baltimore division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, all flags of the Pennsylvania road are displayed at half mast.

"While for many years a resident of Baltimore, Mr. Thompson was born in Wilmington, N. C., and is the son of the late John W. Thompson and Mrs. Louise Exum Thompson, of that state. His wife, who survives him, was formerly Miss Cecelia Covington, of Rockingham, N. C., and his children are Mr. Herbert Dalton Thompson, Jr., of Wilmington, N. C.; Miss Nora L. Thompson, Mrs. Warren A. Stewart and Master Edward Thompson, all residing in Baltimore.

"The body of Mr. Thompson will be taken tonight to Rockingham, N. C., and buried from there tomorrow. Mr. Thompson was one of the most popular and widely known men in railroad circles and his death comes as a profound shock to both his social and business friends."

Tennis Tournament Today.

There is much interest in the tennis tournament which will be held at Sunset Park today beginning at 10 o'clock. The teams entered for the tournament are: Burnett and Mitchell, Leitch and Woolcott, Fenley and McClellan. The matches are expected to be snappy and throughout the tournament. Handsome tennis rackets will be given as prizes. Spectators are invited to attend.

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and during the next three weeks you will find that "everybody works at this house." However, business will go on as usual—no department will be closed, but on the contrary will have some exceptional values to offer. We have quite a lot of goods left here that we do not intend putting in our stock after remodeling, and these are now being thrown out on counters at prices that will surely move them.

Below Are a Few Of The Bargains Offered:

7c Dress Ginghams; remnants; all fast colors, 27 in. wide, at . . 3½c
10c 32-in. Dress Gingham; short length; beautiful patterns, at 7½c
10c Flannelettes; all nice dark patterns 6½c
40 in. Sheeting; nice quality, light weight 3½c
18 in. Birdseye Diaper, per yard 3½c
36 in. Plaid Cotton Suitings, per yard 3½c
8½c Bleachings; full yard wide, per yard 5c
18 in. Unbleached Toweling, per yard 5c
Yard wide Light and Dark Outings, at 5c
15c Shepherd Check Suitings at 10c
Odd lot Ladies' Shoes, values up to $2.00; to close, at 97c
Odd lot Ladies' Shoes, $2.00 to $3.50 values; to close, at . . . $1.19
Men's $3.00 and $3.50 Patent Leather Shoes; only a few styles, at $1.98

Men's 10c Heavy Gray Sox, pair . 5c
Men's 10c Colored Sox, pair . . . 5c
Women's 10c Colored Hose, pair 5c
Men's 25c Wool Sox, pair 15c
Men's 50c Work Shirts, at 39c
Men's 50c Dress Shirts, at 29c
Men's 75c Work Pants, at 48c
Men's $1.00 Overalls; all sizes, at 75c
Men's 50c Fleeced Underwear, at 29c
Men's 50c Ribbed Underwear, at 38c
Boys' $2.00 Cassimere Suits, at $1.39
Boys' $1.50 Cassimere Suits, at 98c
5c Paper Brass Pins, at 3c
5 and 10c Paper Hooks and Eyes, 3c
5c Card Pearl Buttons, at 2c
Boys' 10c Patent Leather Belts at 5c
Men's 20c Leather Belts, brown or black, at 10c
Sweet Maiden Soap, 3 cakes for 10c
$1.00 Alarm Clocks at 79c
$1.50 Fancy Alarm Clocks at . $1.25
$1.00 Cotton Blankets, pair . . . 49c

BELK-WILLIAMS CO.

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Anna Futch is visiting friends in Rocky Mount.

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—Mrs. J. P. Moore, of Atkinson, was in the city yesterday.

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Mrs. J. Wiggins and little son are visiting relatives in Charleston, S. C.

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Miss Mildred Hall, of Raleigh, is the attractive guest of Miss Elizabeth Beery, on Market street.

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Mrs. R. C. Andrews, of Chapel Hill, N. C., is the guest of Mrs. E. P. Brock, No. 103 North Thirteenth street, Winoca Terrace.

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Miss Pearl McIntee and Miss Mary Dooley have returned home after spending the holidays with Miss Nellie Dooley, in Greensboro.

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Mrs. G. O. Baggett and son, Charlie, of Salemburg, are guests at the home of Mrs. Lawson Barnes, at her home, No. 501 South Fifth avenue.

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Mr. N. F. Farior, of Rose Hill, a student at Davidson College, is here on a visit to Mr. Edwin McClure before returning to school.

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Miss Lillian Solomon, having spent the holidays here with relatives, leaves tomorrow to resume her studies in Wellesley College, at Wellesley, Mass.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Whitfield, formerly of this city, have recently located at Hockory, S. C., where Mr. Whitfield is connected with a creamery.

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Miss Margaret Solomon, who is a student in the Sergeant School, at Cambridge, Mass., leaves tomorrow on her return there, after having spent a pleasant Christmas with relatives in the city.

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Mrs. Isabel Watts entertained a number of her friends at cards last evening at her home, No. 414 Chestnut street. Light refreshments were served and all voted Mrs. Watts a charming hostess.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Skinner, of Bishopville, S. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Robbins, Jr., No. 218 North Second street. Before returning home, Mrs. Skinner will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Drew, at Southport.

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"Mrs. Louise McCarver, violinist, and Miss Tennie Luck, 'cellist, of this city, left yesterday for Magnolia Springs, Fla., where Mrs. McCarver will have charge of the music, for the coming winter season at Magnolia Springs hotel.

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Miss Margaret Jackson, of Mt. Airy, and Miss Stella Rutherford, of Bowling Green, Ky., who have been the attractive guests of Mrs. A. E. Townsend, No. 115 Castle street, left yesterday for Florence, S. C., where they will visit several days before returning to their homes.

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Capt. and Mrs. T. H. Bell, of Wrighisboro, Pa., were in the city yesterday en route to their small farm near Montague, N. C., where they will spend the winter. Captain Bell is a retired chaplain of the United ...tes Army field artillery service and came down from Wrightsboro, Pa., to this city where he was joined by Mrs. Bell, who had been in the Far West.

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A delightfully informal dance was given last evening at Harmony Circle rooms in honor of several young ladies, who are home from college to spend the holidays. Among the college girls in attendance were Miss Lillian Solomon, of Wellesley; Miss Margaret Solomon, of the Sargeant's School, Cambridge, Mass.; Miss Elsie Bleuthenthal, Miss Florette Schloss and Miss Lucile Sternberger.

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Friends in the city have received handsomely engraved announcements reading as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gunther
announce the marriage of their
daughter
Frieda
to
Mr. George Graham Cromartie
on Tuesday, December twenty-eighth
nineteen hundred and fifteen
Gainesville, Georgia.

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Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 31.—The past week has been characterized by surprise parties among the younger set, several having been given to different young ladies. On Tuesday evening a number of young people "stormed" Miss Theo Wooten at her home here, and spent a pleasant hour, after which Mrs. M. H. Wooten served refreshments. Miss Brookie Hines, on Wednesday evening, and Miss Susie Faison, on Thursday evening, were the hostesses surprised, and a very pleasant evening was spent with each, refreshments being served at both homes.

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EMPLOYES OF D. L. GORE GIVEN ANNUAL BANQUET

The employes of the D. L. Gore Co., were given their annual banquet of Mr. D. L. Gore at his home on Wednesday evening from 7 till 9 o'clock. A delicious supper was served in courses, after which the employes were delightfully entertained by Mr. Gore's good advice and some of his remarkable jokes. The boys in his employ are always glad to see a New Year come around for they know they are going to have a chance at one of Mrs. Gore's big turkeys.

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ASHEVILLE GIRL BRIDE OF MR. ROBERT BRIDGERS

The many friends of Mr. Robert Bridgers, son of Mrs. P. L. Bridgers, will be interested in learning of his marriage on Thursday of this week in Asheville, where he has been for some time, to Miss Turner, of that city. Mr. Bridgers had told none of his friends or relatives here of his intention to be married and the only particulars known here about the wedding was contained in a telegram announcing his marriage to Miss Turner and stating that they had left for Arizona and would make their home in that state.

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ROCKY MOUNT WELCOMES DR. AND MRS. LIVINGSTON JOHNSON

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 31.—The Baptist Woman's Missionary Society was at home Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 until 5 o'clock in the parlors of the First Baptist church to the ladies of the city in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Livingston Johnson. During the impressive programme that was rendered words of greeting were extended to Mrs. Johnson, welcoming her to the society and to Dr. Johnson as the pastor in the language of a poem.

After which Rev. R. C. Craven extended words of greeting and welcome to the city in behalf of the Methodst church, followed by the Rev. R. B. Owens, of the Episcopal church, Mrs. Tillery spoke in behalf of the Presbyterian society. Dr. Johnson then fittingly responded, pledging his hearty co-operation and best endeavors for the uplift of every good work, the upbuilding of the city morally and spiritually.

A large representation of the ladies of the various churches of the city were present and joined with the Baptists in extending this hearty welcome. At the close of the reception delicious refreshments were served.

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MRS. J. R. HIATT OF CLINTON DELIGHTFULLY ENTERTAINS

Clinton, N. C., Dec. 31.—Mrs. J. R. Hiatt was hostess to a number of friends yesterday from 10:30 to 12:30 at her elegant home on Elm street where she gave a delightful luncheon in honor of Mrs. John P. Lamb, of Johnson City, Tenn., who is a charming Clinton visitor during the Christmas holidays.

The decorations were in keeping with the Yuletide season, the holly predominating, while a Scandinavian yule log burned in the large fireplace in the library. Mrs. Hiatt, assisted by Mrs. George E. Butler, Mrs. L. A. Bethune, and Mrs. B. P. Smith, received in the entrance hall. Guests present were Mrs. John P. Lamb, Johnson City, Tenn.; Miss Catherine Wooten, Kinston; Mrs. Lillie Lamb, Mrs. H. L. Stewart, Mrs. W. F. Peterson, Mrs. G. E. Butler, Mrs. L. A. Bethune, Miss Mary Stewart, Miss Mamie Ashford, Mrs. B. P. Smith, Mrs. J. D. Kerr, Jr., Mrs. F. B. Johnson, Mrs. E. R. Pigford, Mrs. C. M. Faircloth, Mrs. W. D. Kelly, Mrs. L. C. Kerr, Mrs. D. C. Johnson, Mrs. J. F. Rodman, Mrs. C. B. Barrus, Mrs. J. K. Morisey, Mrs. James Thomas, Mrs R. E. Lee, Mrs. H. J. Hubbard, Mrs. R. H. Hubbard, Jr., Mrs. J. L. Kerr, Mrs. Geo. L. Peterson, Mrs. J. C. Holliday, Mrs. W. H. Herring, Mrs. G. A. Clute, Mrs. H. D. Smith, Mrs. I. C. Wright, Mrs. D. T. Herring, Mrs. W. A. Hobbs, Miss Annie Beaman, of Clinton, and Mrs. R. N. Butler, of Salemburg.

The guests were given cards with request that each write thereon appropriate new year wishes. The majority of these being expressed to Mrs. Lamb, she was declared the most popular lady present and was presented with a handsome hand painted china bowl.

Mrs Hiatt was voted a most delightful hostess by all present.

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BEAUTIFUL EVENING CHURCH WEDDING AT CLARKTON, N. C.

Clarkton, N. C., Dec. 31.—A pretty wedding was solemnized last evening at 8:30 o'clock in the Presbyterian church of Clarkton, when Miss Annie Neal Clark, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lee Clark, and Mr. Harvey Langill Joslyn, of the A. & M. College, Raleigh, were united in marriage in the presence of a large number of friends. The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. R. A. Lapsley, former pastor of the bride, now of Tarboro, N. C.

The church auditorium was attractively decorated with Southern smilax and holly in keeping with the holiday season. The altar was banked in ferns, smilax and evergreens. Festoons of long leaf pine needles hung gracefully over the altar. Just prior to the entrance of the bridal party, Miss Cora W. Clark, of Queens College, Charlotte, sang very sweetly "Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee," by Gounod. As the bridal party entered the church, the wedding march from Lohengrin was played by Mrs. Horace Pearsall, of Wilmington. Mrs. Pearsall also rendered very softly during the ceremony "Cavarolle Tales," from Hoffman, and as a recessional Mendelssohn's Wedding March was used.

First entered the maid of honor, Miss Rosa Lee Clark, eldest sister of the bride, then the groom, accompanied by the best man, Mr. Audley Felknor, of Bon Air, Md. The maid of honor was most becomingly gowned in pink crepe de chine and shadow lace, opalescent trimming being used. She carried a large bouquet of sweet peas. Next the bride entered on the arm of her father, who gave her away. She looked most charming in a gown of white duchess satin, en train, trimmed in fur and lace. The tulle veil arranged in cap effect was most becoming. She carried a shower bouquet of brides roses and lilies of the valley.

The ushers were Mr. Luther Cromartie, of Warrenton; Mr. Jim Wooten, of Acme; Dr. DeWitt Clark, of Richmond, Va.; Mr. Stuart Whiffen, of Hammonton, N. J.; Mr. C. S. Clark, and Mr. O. L. Clark, Jr., of Clarkton.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride. Miss Rosa Lee Clark, Mr. Audley Felknor, Mrs. Horace Pearsall, Mr. J. E. Wayland welcomed the guests in the hall. Mrs. Pearsall was gowned in light blue crepe meteor shadow lace. The guests were then invited into the parlor where they were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Joslyn and Mrs. E. A. Joslyn. Mrs. Oscar L. Clark, mother of the bride, was handsome in a gown of prune colored crepe meteor combined with Georgette crepe, real lace being used as only trimming. Mrs. E. A. Joslyn, mother of the groom, was richly attired in black lace and satin.

Receiving in the library were Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Whiffen. Mrs. Clark's dress was a beautiful blue crepe meteor embroidered in silver. Mrs. Whiffen wore white crepe meteor trimmed in real lace. Soon the guests were ushered into the dining room where awaited them an elaborate salad course, coffee and mints. Pink and white predominated as the color note, a large bow of ribbon with streamers extending from the chandelier. The mantel was banked in green with here and there pink candles. Serving were Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Clark, Jr., Misses Mae Williams and Cora W. Clark. Miss Williams wore white tafeta with lace overdress. Mrs. Clark was richly gowned in yellow satin and lace. Miss Clark was attired in white crepe de chine, wearing a beautiful corsage of roses. Assisting in serving were Misses Margaret Clark, Minnie Ruth Wooten, Lillie Belle Phifer and Bessie McCallum.

Miss Clark is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark. She is young, handsome and talented musically. She has winning manners and is widely popular. Miss Clark graduated from Queens College, Charlotte, in voice and piano, then studied voice for a year under Percy Rector Stephens, of New York. She taught music in Clarkton, Farmville and Vanceboro.

Mr. Joslyn, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Joslyn, of Farm School, is a young man of sterling worth, with a bright future. After graduating from the A. & M. College at Raleigh, he taught one year at Vanceboro and then returned to A. & M. to become professor of soils.

Mr. and Mrs. Joslyn will be at home in Raleigh, in Cameron Park, after the 5th of January.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mrs. E. A. Joslyn, from Farm School; Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Whiffen, of Hammonton, N. J.; Mr. Audley Felknor, of Bon Air, Md.; Mrs. Horace Pearsall, Wilmington; Mr. Geo. Marshall, Acme; Mr. and Mrs. M. B. McAuley, Acme; Mr. and Mrs. Harwood Stanford, Wilmington; Rev. Byron Clark, Salisbury; Mr. J. E. Wayland, Waynesboro, Va.; Miss Mae Williams, Davidson; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Don McRacken, Whiteville; Hon. and Mrs. K. B. Council, Wananish; Miss Allie McFadyen, New York City.

POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS INCREASE.

Postmaster Green Made Interesting Report Last Night for Two Months.

Postmaster H. McL. Green made an interesting report last night of the increase in postoffice receipts for the past two months, showing that business this year has been much better than last year.

The receipts the past month were $13,927.67, while the receipts for the same month of 1914 were only $11,996.85, showing an increase over last year of $1,930.82, for the month of December. The November business was $13,146.09, showing an increase for December over November of $781.58. December showed a greater increase over November of last year, showing that business in and around Wilmington is substantially better this year than it was a year ago.

Cargo of Oil Has Arrived.

A cargo of oil from the Standard Oil Company arrived in port yesterday in the company's tank barge No. 88. The tank carried petroleum products and was towed to the Cape Fear by the tug Ocean.

HAVE ELABORATE RECEPTION

Wilmington Elks Entertain Several Hundred Friends—Special Musical Programme—Dance.

The annual New Year's reception of the Wilmington Elks at their handsome temple on North Front street last evening was an elaborate affair and was attended by several hundred people. One of the enjoyable features was a special musical programme which was followed by a dance in which many took part. The club rooms were beautifully and attractively decorated and delicious refreshments were served during the evening. Carnations were given as souvenirs.

Miss Katherine Vollers sang a delightful solo entitled "Mattinata Ruggiero" and for an encore sang "The Star" by James A. Rogers. Mrs. Ferdinand Duls captivated her audience with her rendition of the "Hindu Love Song" by Harriet Ware and for the encore sang, "The Reason Why." Mrs. E. Schulken was accompanist for both these numbers.

Mr. D. A. Lockfaw with Mr. J. O. Reilly as accompanist sang "Auf Weldersehn" from "The Blue Paradise" and for a second number in response to the encore sang: "There's a Long, Long Trail."

Delicious and refreshing punch was served by the following young ladies: Misses Marie Rehder, Myrtle Rhodes, Elsie Bissenger, Augusta Gieschen and Louise Gieschen.

Mr. H. A. Webber, the popular manager of the club, had charge of the refreshments and needless to say they were all could be desired.

As the guests arrived they were met at the door by members of the reception committee which was composed of the following: Messrs. C. C. Loughlin, C. W. Polvogt, A. J. Mitchell, L. Stein, H. E. Longley, J. H. Niggel, W. R. Hudler, W. D. Huhn and James Owen Reilly.

Music for the dancing was furnished by the West-Whitlock orchestra. A large number of the guests present remained to see the old year out and the new year in.

Mr. Will Rehder had charge of the decoration of the club rooms.

BIG LEAGUE EXHIBITION HERE

Boston Braves and New York Yankees Will Meet at Sunset Park Next Spring En Route North.

Mr. John S. Blomme, one of the strong promoters of baseball in the city, is in receipt of telegrams that induce him to believe that an exhibition game can be arranged for the spring at Sunset Park between the Boston Braves, winners of the National Baseball League pennant and the world series in 1914, and the New York Yankees, Bill Donovan's rejuvenated team. The telegram yesterday was from Manager Sparrow, of the New York Americans, asking for a date.

It is expected from the requests of the big leaguers that the date would be arranged for April 3rd, which falls on Monday, but Mr. Blomme is of the opinion that it can be had on Saturday just as well, which will give many of the employes in the many offices in the city the opportunity to celebrate their half-holiday by seeing the big leaguers cross bats.

In bringing the Boston Braves here, there will be several well known stars, such as "Scrappy" Johnny Evers, "Rabbit" Maranville, Sherwood Magee, Pitchers James and Rudolph, heroes of last year's championship games, and "Miracle Man" George Stallings, the popular leader. On the Yankees' list will be seen Fritz Maisel, Walter Pipp, Caldwell and Manager Donovan. "Home Run" Baker and Lee Magee, the manager of the Brooklyn Federals last year, will in all probability hold third and second base, respectively, for the Yankees next year as the club owner, Colonel Ruppert, is making a strong bid for their services.

PERSONALS.

—L. V. Grady, Esq., of Whiteville, is a visitor in the city.

—Mr. H. G. Fennell, formelry of this city, but now of Atlanta, Ga., was in the city yesterday.

—Mr. Howard Hanby has returned from New York and other Northern cities where he spent the holidays.

—Capt. J. W. West is ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. F. Jones, much to the regret of his many friends.

—Mr. F. B. Markey, of the Postal Telegraph Company, returned yesterday from Clio, S. C., where he spent the holidays.

—Capt. D. T. Cronly, of Columbia, S. C., who has been spending the holidays here with his family, left yesterday for Pinehurst to spend a few days with friends.

—Mr. John Frank, Formerly local manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company but now engaged in the real estate business in Anderson, S. C., is visiting friends in the city.

—Mr. M. W. Mendenhall, formerly of York county, S. C., but now of Charlotte, is in the city visiting his son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Bounds. Mr. Mendenhall was stationed in Wilmington during the War Between the States but has not been in the city since until now.

DEATH OF REV. J. E. SMITH

Former Wilmington Minister Passes at Collierstown, Va.

It will be sad news to many to learn of the death of Rev. James E. Smith, formerly in charge of the Christian Advent church, here, but more recently of Collierstown, Va., which occurred at his home in Virginia this week, the funeral having been held yesterday.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary J. Smith, of this city, who is seriously ill at this time, which illness prevented members of the family from attending the funeral. He is also survived by a brother, Mr. L. M. Smith, and four sisters, Mrs. Sarah Hooker, Mrs. F. S. Miller, Mrs. Martha J. Taylor and Mrs. Kate Huffman, all of this city. He is also survived by a wife and several children, of Collierville, Va. Mr. Smith was widely known here, having been a preacher of forceful personality.

NEW ARCHITECTURAL FIRM

J. F. Gause, Pr., and J. B. Lynch to Be Associated Together.

Mr. James F. Gause, Jr., and J. B. Lynch, two of Wilmington's well known architects, announced yesterday that after today they will be associated together for the general practice of architecture under the firm name of Gause and Lynch with offices in the Odd Fellows building, corner Third and Princess streets, formerly occupied by Mr. Gause. While both are young men in point of age, they have had extensive experience in their professions and since they have been located in Wilmington have designed many buildings of all kinds.

Prior to his location in Wilmington four years ago, Mr. Gause had been at Waynesville for three years and before that spent several years in Alabama. He began his architectural career in local offices in Wilmington.

After graduation from the A. & M. College at Raleigh, where he completed the architectural course with distinction, Mr. Lynch was for several years located in New York, where he was connected with the designing of many large office buildings and residences. Mr. Lynch opened an office for himself in Wilmington about a year ago and since that time has designed a number of handsome residences and other buildings.

SHOT SELF ACCIDENTALLY

Pistol Went Off and Ball Entered Left Calf of Mr. J. M. Duffy.

Mr. J. M. Duffy, master of arms on the United States coast guard cutter Seminole, suffered a painful accident last night at his home, No. 103 South Second street about 10 o'clock when an old pistol, he was handling, was accidentally discharged and the ball entered his left leg about six inches below the knee.

Mr. Duffy called the James Walker Memorial Hospital and had the ambulance sent for him. The wound was dressed and the report late last night was that it was only a flesh wound and would soon soon be well.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Supervising Architect's Office, Washington, D. C., Dec. 28, 1915.—Sealed proposals will be opened in this office at 3 p. m., Jan. 25, 1916, for a conduit and wiring system, lighting fixtures, etc., at the United States post office, at Wilwington, N. C., in accordance with drawings and specification, copies of which may be had at this office or at the office of the custodian, Wilmington, N. C., in the discretion of the Supervising Architect. Jas A. Wetmore, Acting Supervising Architect. N. B.—Bidders are required to return the drawings and specifications without marks, notes, or other mutilations. The Government frank sent to intending bidders is to be used for the return of drawings and specifications and for no other purpose. ja1,3,5,7,10,12.

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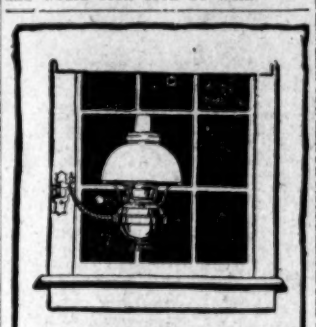

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

IN PURSUANCE of a Decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, in the case of John D. James, Executor, against Hattie Hammonds and others, the undersigned Commissioner heretofore appointed by an order in the above entitled cause, will sell at the Court House door in the City of Wilmington, N. C., on Monday, the 10th day of January, A. D., 1916, at 12 o'clock M., at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the following described tract of land.

BEGINNING at a point in the Eastern line of Eighth street One Hundred and thirty-two (132) feet North from the Northern line of Castle street, and runs thence Northwardly along the Eastern line of Eighth street Sixty-six (66) feet; thence Eastwardly and parallel with the Northern line of Castle street Ninety-nine (99) feet; thence Southwardly and parallel with the Eastern line of Eighth street sixty-six (66) feet; and thence Westwardly and parallel with the Northern line of Castle street Ninety-nine (99) feet to the beginning; the same being the Western part of lot No. 4, in block No. 94, according to the official plan of said City of Wilmington.

The purchaser at said sale, under the order of the Court, is required to deposit Twenty-five per cent in cash of the amount of his bid as security for the performance of same.

A. G. RICAUD,
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December 10, 1915.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON GOES STILL HIGHER

Renewed Talk of Improved Export Demand Encourages Early Buying —Gain of 8 to 13 Points.

New York, Dec. 31.—The continued steadiness of Liverpool and renewed talk of an improving export demand encouraged an early advance in the cotton market today, with March contracts selling up to 12.52 or 14 points above last night's closing figures. Business became very quiet later and prices eased off under scattered realizing for over the new Year's adjournment, with March closing at 12.48. The general list closed steady at a net advance of 8 to 13 points for the day.

Additional January amounting to about 900 bales were reported in circulation at the opening but caused very little liquidation and prices started at an advance of 6 to 9 points in response to the higher cables.

Houses with Liverpool connections were sellers of the later months but were active buyers of near positions, while there was considerable scattered covering and a moderate demand from spot houses was attributed to covering of hedges against sales of cotton in the South for export. The advance carried January contracts up to 12.24 May to 12.75 and July to 12.89 before the end of the morning or about 14 points above last night's closing figures and practically $2.00 per bale above the recent low level. After th eclose of Liverpool the demand tapered off and prices reacted some 7 or 8 points from the best under profit-taking but offerings were restricted by reports of a better spot business in the South and th eundertone was generally steady. Closing prices were within 4 or 5 points of the best on most positions.

The trade seemed to be looking for rather more bullish week-end figures.

Futures closed steady.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	.12.19	12.25	12.19	12.23
March	.1241	12.52	12.41	12.48
May	.12.67	12.75	12.67	12.69
July	.12.82	12.89	12.82	12.86
October	.12.47	12.51	12.45	12.48

Spot cotton steady; middling upland 12.80; sales 2,600 bales.

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling, 11.88; receipts, 8,203; exports, 150; sales, 805; stock, 432,785.

Galveston—Middling, 12.30; receipts, 14,535; exports, 17,487; sales, 976; stock, 380,959.

Mobile—Middling, 11.75; receipts, 853; stock, 33,344.

Savannah—Middling, 12.06; receipts, 1,746; sales, 464; stock, 210,357.

Charleston—Middling, 11¾; receipts, 1,023; sales, 1,000; stock, 104,745

Wilmington — Receipts, 250; stock, 41,662.

Norfolk — Middling, 11.75; receipts, 1,713; sales, 1,142; stock, 133,656.

Baltimore—Receipts, 3,627; stock, 5,497.

Boston — Middling, 12.30; receipts, 445; stock, 11,084.

Philadelphia — Middling, 12.65; receipts, 9; stock, 1,850.

New York—Middling, 12.40; receipts, 223; exports, 1,329; sales, 1,100; stock, 33,084.

Minor ports—Receipts, 24,295; exports, 20,165; stock, 56,746.

Total today—Receipts, 56,932; exports, 39,131; stock, 1,742,989.

Total for week—Receipts, 193,391; exports, 85,060.

Total for season—Receipts, 4,154,049; exports, 2,312,407.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling, 12.30; receipts, 3,209; shipments, 5,975; sales, 2,124; stock, 233,180.

Memphis—Middling, 12.12; receipts, 4,222; shipments, 4,001; sales, 5,100; stock, 354,226.

Augusta — Middling, 11.88; receipts, 658; shipments, 2,313; sales, 1,607; stock, 211,778.

St. Louis—Middling, 12¼; receipts, 1,518; shipments, 2,591; stock, 15,445.

Cincinnati—Receipts, 17,077; shipments, 17,173; stock, 16,940.

Little Rock — Middling, 12.13; receipts, 417; shipments, 1,124; sales, 1,124; stock, 42,553.

Dallas—Middling, 11.90.

Montgomery—Middling, 11.63; sales, 25.

Total today—Receipts, 27,101; shipments, 33,077; stock, 874,122.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, December 31. — Cotton: Spot, firm. Good middling, 8.25; middling, 7.95; low middling, 7.48. Sales, 10,000; 1,000 for speculation and export. Receipts, 13,000. Futures, quiet and steady.

January, 7.73½; January-February, 7.73½; February-March, 7.72; March-April, 7.70; April-May, 7.64½; May-June, 7.60; June-July, 7.55; July-August, 7.50; August-September, 7.36; September-October, 7.20; October-November, 7.15.

Noon: Official closing—December, 7.7o value; December-January, 7.69½ value.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Encouraging Reports Send Prices Up 9 to 11 Points.

New Orleans, Dec. 31.—Better spot advices and bullish accounts from mill centers caused buying in the cotton market today which resulted in a rise of 15 to 16 points at the highest. The market closed 9 to 11 points over yesterday's last prices. While the advance was maintained from start to finish, business was restricted to some extent by the double holidays, all markets closing tonight for the week.

Locally, spots were quoted 13 points higher, while not a few interior points said merchants and spot owners were refusing 12 cents, basis middling. A Memphis message reported sales of about 3,000 bales of short staple middling at 12 1-4 cents. The rise of 17 English points in Liverpool spots and the quoting of that market on the basis of almost exactly 16 cents a pound for middling in our monoy caused much bullish comment. Another bullish influence was the official report from Manchester which styled the demand for cloths in that market was extreme.

Both German and English interests were mentioned as large buyers on this side of the water. The great amount of bullish gossip caused considerable short covering.

Cotton futures closing: January 12.02; March 12.83; May 12.62; July 12.77; October 12.38.

Spot cotton steady, 13 points up; sales on the spot 610 bales; to arrive 195 bales; middling 11.88.

QUIET WEEK FOR COTTON

Usual Holiday Dullness Was Present in the Market—However, Undertone Was Generally Steady.

New York, Dec 31.—The cotton market has been quiet during the past week as usual between the holidays but has shown a generally steady undertone owing to the continued abstnce of pressure from spot offerings and talk of an improving export demand. The daily circulation of January notices, amounting in all to about to 19,000 bales has caused some irregularity but near months' offerings have been readily absorbed by spot people or buying for foreign account, while there has been considerable scattered covering on the advance of about $2 per bale fro mthe recent low level. Reports of a better easiness in cotton goods at Manchester have tendered to emphasize the diminishing stocks of raw material abroad and the relatively firm ruling of the Liverpool market has been taken by local bulls as reflecting of freight room is still evidenced in the firmness of cean freight rates and mail advices from Liverpool bring many complaints regarding the costs and difficult of importation. The improvement in the rate sterling exchange has been considered in favor of the foreign buying, however, and for the past day or two reports from the South have shown some improvement in the demand for export, particularly in the southwest. Some traders here, indeed think that as the scarcity of raw materials becomes more pronounced broad, the British government may take measures to afford more liberal facilities for transportation. Cables received during the week from Alexandria report a tendency to reduce estimates of the Egyptian crop to about 4 1-2 million cantars and the latest private estimates of the Indian yard place it at 5,780,000 bales including the carry-over and home consumption, which also shows a slight reduction from earlier season figures.

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List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

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Str. Bantu, 2,661 tons, Dunfay Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 31.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—53½c.

ROSIN—Large, $5.45; small, $5.35.

TAR—$2.10-8½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$3.50, $3.50, $2.50.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nominal. Rosin, nominal. Tar, nominal. Crude turpentine, nominal.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	(—)
Rosin	20
Tar	60
Crude Turpentine	12

Receipts — Same day last year: Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, (—) barrels; tar, (—) barrels; crude turpentine, (—) barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—11½. Quotations same day last year, market closed

Receipts—248 bales; same day last year, 552 bales.

Total receipts since August 1st, to date, 137,034 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 97,987 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Wilmington, Dec. 31.

Atlantic Coast Line—248 bales cotton; 20 barrels rosin; 46 barrels tar; 12 barrels crude turpentine.

Thelma—14 barrels tar.

Total—248 bales cotton; 20 barrels rosin; 60 barrels tar; 12 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 31.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, 40c. to 45c. per bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—80c to 90c.

CORN—$1.75 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c.; good demand.

PORK—Small, 10@11c. per pound.

SHEEP—Gross: Old sheep, 3@4c.; Lambs, 3@5c. lb.

WOOL—Burry, 19 to 23c.; black wool, 17 to 20c; first class white wool, 27c.

HIDES—Green salt, 12@13c.; dry flint, 17@20c. per lb.; good demand.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 20c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. per lb. Good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.; good demand.

POULTRY—Chickens, grown, 45c to 50c.; spring, 20c to 35c. head. Geese, 55c. to 60c. per head. Ducks, 35c. to 60c, owing to quality. Turkeys, 15c to 18c. lb., alive; 20c to 22c., dressed.

EGGS—27c to 28c.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 31.—North Carolina Peanuts—New crop, market firm. Fancy hand-picked, 84c.; No. 1, machine picked, 77c. per bushel

Virginia Peanuts—New crop, steady. Jumbos, 66c.; fancy hand-picked, 55c.; No. 1, machine-picked, 50c. per bushel.

Spanish Peanuts—New crop firm; No. 1, small, machine-picked, $1.00; Jumbos, 90c. per bushel.

Receipts—Light.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 31—Spanish: Farmers' stock: Market, firm. New peanuts, dry and clean, $1.15 per bu.; new, green and dirty, 60c. to 75c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock: New fancy Jumbo, 4c. to 4½c. per lb.; new, extra prime, 3¾c. per lb; new prime, 3½c. to 3½c. per lb.; new, shelling stock, 3½c. to 3c. per lb.

TONE OF STOCKS STRONGER

Austria's Reply to Ancona Note Serves as Stimulant for Conservative and Speculative Sentiment.

New York, Dec. 31.—Approximately, in the judgment of Wall Street, the year came to an end with a marked diminution of the strain in this country's foreign relations. The response of Austria to the Ancona note served as a stimulant to conservative as well as speculative sentiment. This condition found immediate and constant reflection in the tone of the market.

For the first time in several weeks the list plainly denoted absorption of an impressive and substantial character, even though some specialties were unduly active.

Aside from the improved foreign conditions, there were other encouraging developments, such as additional highly favorable railroad statements, a further advance in refined copper to 23 cents for delivery far into the coming year, and reports from mercantile agencies respecting the promising business outlook. In the steel industry, demand in so far in excess of supply as to cause concern among the contractors now engaged in large domestic undertagings.

United States Steel led the movement throughout, repeating its recent high price of 89 1-2 on a two point advance, but the oil shares, particularly Mexican Petroleum, overshadowed all others by reason of their extensive gains.

Metal shares had their own in point of prominence, American Smelting leading the group. War stocks were at higher levels and mercantile marine preferred also ranked among the leaders. St. Paul was the outstanding feature of the rails, recording a gain of 2 1-4 at 101 1-8, with advances of 1 to 3 points in other issues of the same class.

Among the more remarkable railroad returns for November were New York Central, that system showing a gain in net of $3,788,000. Northern Pacific with a net increase of $1,463,000, and Chesapeake & Ohio, which showed an increase of $579,000. The Reading Company increased its surplus by $893,000.

Bonds naturally responded to the strength in stocks. Total sales of bonds, par value, aggregated $5,625,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call during the week.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	31⅜
American Beet Sugar	69¾
American Can	61¼
American Car and Foundry	78¼
American Cotton Oil	65⅝
American Locomotive	69
American Smelting	108⅛
American Sugar	115
American Tel. and Tel., ex. div.	127½
American Tobacco	206
Anaconda Copper	91⅜
Atchison	103¾
Atlantic Coast Line	114½
Baldwin Locomotive	117⅜
Baltimore and Ohio	95⅜
Bethlehem Steel	459½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	88¼
Canadian Pacific	182
Central Leather	54⅜
Chesapeake and Ohio	64½
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	100⅞
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	18
Consolidated Gas	144 1-8
Continental Can	85⅛
Crucible Steel	73
Erie	44
General Electric	174½
Great Northern, pfd	127½
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	51⅝
Illinois Central	108
Interborough Consol. Corp.	21¼
Kansas City Southern	32
Lehigh Valley	82¼
Louisville and Nashville	129½
Liggett and Meyers	259
Lorillard Co	180
Missouri, Kansas and Texas, pfd	16⅜
Missouri Pacific	4⅛
Mexican Petroleum	123
National Lead	66½
New York Central	110⅜
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	77
Norfolk and Western	122
Northern Pacific	118
Pennsylvania	59¼
Reading	84
Rep. Iron and Steel	55½
Seaboard Air Line	18⅛
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	39½
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	63¾
Studebaker Corp	167¼
Southern Pacific	103 7-8
Southern Railway	24
Southern Railway, pfd	62¾
Tennessee Copper	63¼
Texas Co	233
Texas and Pacific	19¼
Union Pacific	139⅝
United States Rubber	56
United States Steel	88⅞
United States Steel, pfd	117
Utah Copper	81½
Virginia-Caro. Chem.	49¼
Va. Iron, Coal and Coke	64
Wabash, pfd. "B" Ctfs	30⅜
Western Union	88½
Westinghouse Electric	69¾
United Fruit	148

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 31. — Turpentine, firm, 54; sales, 184; receipts, 148; shipments, 57; stock, 15,979.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 714; receipts, 1,237; shipments, 240; stock, 76,430.

Quote: A, B, C, D, 5.55; E, F, and G, 5.65; H, 5.70; I, 5.85; K, 6.00; M, 6.50; N, 7.00; W G, 7.00@7.25; W W, 7.50.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 31. — Hogs—Strong. Bulk, 6.70@6.95; light, 6.45@6.95; mixed, 6.50@7.05; light, 6.45@6.95; mixed, 6.50@7.05; heavy, 6.55@7.19; rough, 6.55@6.65; pigs, 5.69@6.69.

Cattle—Firm. Native beef steers, 6.10@9.75; cows and heifers, 2.85@8.40; calves, 7.00@10.50.

Sheep—Strong. Wethers, 6.60@7.10; ewes, 4.50@6.50; lambs, 7.40@9.75.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 31.—Cotton seed oil was firm, closing 2 to 8 points net higher. The absence of January tenders coupled with coverings by shorts for over the holiday and some fresh buying on the strength in cotton were the bullish features. Sales, 10,000 barrels. Total sales for the year, 4,477,400 barrels, compared with 63,060,700 last year. The market closed firm. Spot, 8.58 bid; January, 8.60@8.62; February, 8.58@8.60; March, 8.56@8.58; April, 8.61@8.64; May, 8.68@8.69; June, 8.71@8.73; July, 8.75@8.79; August, 8.87@8.88.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

January 1, 1916.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours enging at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 36 degrees; at 8 P. M., 46 degrees; maximum, 53 degrees; minimum, 36 degrees; mean, 44 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.81 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 14.7 feet and falling.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Cloudy Saturday, probably rain west portion. Sunday rain.

The Port Calendar, January 1, 1916.

Sun rises	7:18 A. M.
Sun sets	5:14 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 56 min.

TOE TIDES.

	High water. A. M.	P. M.	Low water. A. M.	P. M.
Wilmington	6:19	6:32	12:55	1:50
Southport	3:49	4:02	10:27	10:35
Masonboro Inl	3:38	3:51	10:07	10:15

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS
December 31, 1915.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 p.m.
Abilene	cldy	72	42	.04
Asheville	cldy	56	30	.0
Atlanta	clear	54	44	.0
Augusta	clear	62	40	0
Baltimore	cldy	34	—	.0
Birmingh.	rain	58	42	.12
Boston	clear	32	16	.0
Charleston	cldy	56	46	.0
Charlotte	pt cldy	54	38	.0
Chicago	rain	38	32	.02
Galveston	foggy	68	60	.20
Jacksonv	pt cldy	66	48	.0
Memphis	rain	56	40	.24
Mobile	clear	70	60	.0
Montgom'y	cldy	64	48	.0
New Orl	pt cldy	76	56	.04
New York	cldy	30	16	.0
Oklahoma	rain	56	38	.04
Palestine	cldy	70	54	.0
Pittsburg	pt cldy	42	30	.0
Raleigh	clear	50	34	.0
Savannah	pt cldy	60	46	.0
Shreveport	cldy	64	50	16
St. Louis	cldy	40	32	.04
Washington	cldy	38	32	.0

HESTER'S WEEKLY COTTON STATEMENT.

Comparisons are to actual dates not to close of corresponding weeks.

In thousands bales.

In sight for week, 378; same seven days last year, 578; for the month, 1,950; same date last year, 2,698; for season, 7,470; same date last year, 7,979.

Port receipts for season, 4,154; same date last year, 4,799.

Overland to Mills and Canada for season, 576; same date last year, 483;

Southern mill takings for season, 1,819; do. same date last year, 1,548.

Interior stocks in excess of August 1st, 921; do. last year, 1,148.

Foreign exports for week, 85; do. same seven days last year, 175; do. for season, 2,814; do. same date last year, 2,482

Northern Spinners' takings and Canada, for week, 52; do. same seven days last year, 92; do. for season, 1,329; do. to same date last year, 1,344.

Statement of World's Visible Supply: Total visible this week, 6,009; last week, 5,594; same date, last year, 5,565. Of this the total American this week, 4,643; last week, 4,605; last year, 4,657.

All other kinds this week, 1,361; last week, 1,289; last year, 1,208.

Visible in the United States this week, 3,103; do. this date last year, 2,872.

Visible in other countries, this week, 2,906; do. this date last year, 2,993.

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT. 7

New York, Dec. 31.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week (five days) shows that they hold $145,951,130 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of $58,690 over last week.

Heroine of Loos Who Killed Five Germans

Mlle. Emilienne Moreau.

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CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat Prices Given Setback from New High Level for 1915.

Chicago, Dec. 31. — Year-end liquidation, which found the market without support, brought about a sharp setback in the value of wheat today after prices had touched a new high level for the 1915 crop. The close was unsettled at 1¼c. to 4½c. net decline, with May at 1.25⅝@½ and July at 1.17⅝. Other speculative articles, too, showed losses for the day. Corn, ⅝@⅞c. to 2¼c; oats, ¼c to ⅝c., and provisions 2½c. to 22½c.

Grain and provisions:

Wheat—May, 1.257; July, 1.17⅝.

Corn—Dec. 71¼; May, 76⅝.

Oats—Dec., 43⅝.

Pork—Jan., 18.75; May, 19.02.

Lard—Jan., 9.87; May, 10.15.

Ribs—Jan., 10.22; May., 10.57.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.28½; No. 3, red, 1.24½@1.24¾; No. 2, hard, nominal; No. 3, hard, 1.21@1.23.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, nominal; No. 4, yellow, 70@71½.

Oats—No 3, white, 43¾@44; standard, 44¾@45.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW.

Orders Keep Coming Despite the Christmas Holiday Season.

New York, Dec. 31.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

"While wholesale traders have experienced a comparatively quiet week due to the taking of inventories, the seasonal pause is less marked than in other years and in some instances orders continue to come out in a way that hampers stock-taking. On the other hand, industry too busy to take account of holidays, proceeds to higher ground, holiday trade at many points was of record proportions, orders already booked for spring delivery are heavy, stocks in the hands of final distributors are exceptionally low, and hopes of an early ending of the European war having well nigh vanished, the consensus of opinion is that goods will have to be bought here on an increased scale and at higher prices, not only by our own people, but by foreign consumers as well. To the foregoing budget of favorable tidings must be added the fact that mail order houses report record trade that jobbers have received relatively large filling in orders at a period of the year that usually affords a respite from previous activities.

"Weekly bank clearings $4,120,001,000."

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 31. — Mercantile paper, 3@3¼. Sterling, sixty day bills, 4.69½; demand, 4.73¼; cables, 4.73. Bar silver, 55 Mexican dollars, 42. Government bonds, steady. Railroad bonds, strong. Time loans, steady; sixty days, 2½ and 2¾; ninety days, 2¾; six months, 2¾@3. Call money, steady. Ruling rate, 2 per cent.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 31. — Dry goods markets closed firm today, with many prices at highest levels. Cotton goods and yarns, firm. Wool markets, strong. Knit goods, active on inquiries for spot and future merchandise

RESERVE BANK STATEMENT.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Bills discounted and bought by Federal Reserve banks during the past week increased about $1,000,000 over the previous week.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, December 31. — Sugar—Raw, steady; centrifugal, 4.45@4.58; refined, steady.

Butter—Firmer.

Cheese—Firm

Coffie—Spot, quiet; Rio, No. 7, 7¾; Santos, No. 4, 9c.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 31.—President Wilson and his administration were endorsed and the primary method o fnaming delegates to the National convention was adopted at a meeting of the state Democratic executive committee here today.

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DEPARTURES:	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 61. 5:30 A.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia, and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to recieve outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M. and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 58. 11:59 P.M. Daily.
No. 64. 5:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65. 6:15 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.
No. 48. 7:40 A.M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington Parlor car, Wilmington to Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. 6:05 P.M. Daily.
No. 53. 8:45 A.M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 59. 5:00 P.M. Daily.
No. 62. 3:25 P.M. Daily.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 58. 3:45 P.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. Pullman Cars between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 69. 6:30 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. 10:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs., Sat. only.
No. 43. 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. 9:50 A.M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent. WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect November 15, 1915.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave Front and for Winter Park	Leave Front and for Wrightsville	Leave... Front and for Beach	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Beach for Wilmington
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a7:36 A. M.	.....	.....	a7:36 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:01 A. M.	7:50 A. M.	7:40 A. M.
.....	.....	.....	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	b10:31 A. M.	b10:20 A. M.	.....
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
a1:10 P. M.	a1:10 P. M.	ae1:10 P. M.	b2:06 P. M.	b1:55 P. M.	b1:45 P. M.
c1:55 P. M.	c1:55 P. M.	.....	a2:01 P. M.	a1:50 P. M.	af1:45 P. M.
c d2:35 P.M.	.....	.....	a3:36 P. M.	a2:25 P. M.	.....
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c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....	4:06 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	c4:30 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	c6:40 P. M.	6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....	7:31 P. M.	7:20 P. M.	f7:15 P. M.
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....	8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	-8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
11:15 P. M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:45 P. M.	.....
			11:56 P.M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

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ATTRIBUTE SINKING OF CRUISER TO FOUL PLAY

British Warship Destroyed by Internal Explosion.

Loss of Cruiser Natal is Most Severe British Navy Has Sustained in Several Months—Survivors Number 400.

London, Dec. 31.—The British armored cruiser Natal has sunk after an explosion. Official announcement to this effect was made here today. The Natal was sunk yesterday afternoon while in harbor as the result of an internal explosion. There are about 400 survivors.

In accordance with its procedure of late the admiralty has given no indication as to the locality of the Natal disaster. The loss is generally attributed to foul play. In support of this theory attention is called to similar disaster which overtook the battleship Bulwark, blown up off Sheerness in November of last year with the loss of 700 or more lives and of the steamship Princess Irene in Sheerness harbor last May with a loss of between 300 and 400 lives.

The Natal's sinking is the severest loss which the British navy has sustained in several months. No British naval vessels of importance had been sunk since last May when the Triumph and Majestic were torpedoed at the Dardanelles. The Natal, although a powerful man-of-war, was laid down 11 years ago, and her displacement was only about one-half of the largest British seafighters. The Natal's complement was 704 men. Her displacement was 13,660 tons. Her largest guns were 9.2 inch.

The Natal brought to America the body of Whitelaw Reid, American ambassador at London, after his death in 1912, remaining at New York for two weeks.

ASSURANCES FOR THE FUTURE ARE GIVEN BY AUSTRIA IN NEW NOTE

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frequently referred to, the answer to all the legitimate questions submitted by it, is willing to communicate them to the federal government, the result of the investigation which is accordance with existing departmental regulations was begun immediately after the receipt of the fleet report on the sinking of the Ancona, and which was just recently received.

"The result of this investigation may be summarized as follows:

Result of Investigation.

"On November, 1915, at 11:40 o'clock in the forenoon the commander of the submarine observed in foggy weather at a distance roundly 3,000 metres and one point to starboard, the outlines of a large Italian steamer. He took it at first for a transport steamer and turned about and fired from his rear gun a warning shot far from the vessel.

"Simultaneously he displayed the signal 'Leave the ship.' The steamer did not stop but rather turned aside and sought to escape. The commander at first remained stopped for some minutes in order to increase the distance, since he feared that the steamer had a stern gun and would fire at the submarine with it.

"When the distance had reached 4,500 metres he had the pursuit taken up and with full power and fired from his forward gun at a decreasing distance 16 shells amogn which he observed three hits.

"During the chase the steamer went zigzag and stopped only after the third. Thereupon the commander ceased firing.

"During the flight the steamer had already, while at full speed, let some boats with persons in them fall which immediately capsized. After stopping, the steamer began launching boats.

"During the further approach of the submarine the commander saw that a great panic reigned aboard and that he had to deal with a passenger steamer, namely the Ancona, from Genoa. Therefore he gavbe the occupants of the steamer more time than was required to leave the ship in lifeboats."

Slow in Removing Passengers.

The note then says that, as the Ancona did not appear to be making proper efforts to get the passengers off, the submaring commander "decided after a lapse of forty-five minutes to torpedo the ship in such a manner that it should remain a considerable time afloat, in order that on the one hand, the getting of the people into the life boats should be hastened, and that on the other, adequate opportunity should remain for rescuing the persons still aboard."

The note continues:

"Shortly thereafter a steamer became visible which was throwing out heavy clouds of smoke and headed toward the Ancona. It apparently had been summoned by the Ancona's wireless. Since the submarine commander had to reckon on an attack by a steamer which he took for an enemy cruiser, he submerged after having at 12:35 o'clock in the afternoon had a torpedo fired into the forward baggage hold of the Ancona from a distance of 800 meters. The Ancona listed about 10 degrees to starboard after this shot."

Then an effort was made, the note says, to lower a life boat which fell into the water, but no others were lowered into the water, although persons were seen aboard. Not until 1:20 o'clock did the Ancona sink. The note adds:

"During these further 45 minutes, all persons yet aboard could have been saved without difficulty with the boats still on hand.

"From the fact that this, contrary to his expectations, was not done, the commander concluded that the crew, contrary to all seamen's customs, had accomplished their own rescue with the first boats and abandoned to themselves the passengers entrusted to their protection.

"The weather at the time of the incident was good and the sea calm so that the life boats could have reached the nearest coast without danger.

"The loss of human lives is, in the first instance, by no means ascribable to the sinking of the ship, but, and in all probability in a much higher measure, to the rapid lowering of the boats during full speed, as well as to the fact that the crew concerned only for itself did not rescue the passengers of the capsized boats.

Disloyal Conduct of Crew.

"It is probably ascribed to shots which hit the fleeing vessel but the death of persons who sank with the steamer is also above all ascribable to the disloyal conduct of the crew.

"As appears from the above adduced state of affairs, the very esteemed note of December 9 is based in many points on incorrect premises. Information reaching the United States government that a solid shot was immediately fired toward the steamer is incorrect; it is incorrect that the submarine overhauled the steamer during the chase; it is incorrect that only a brief period was given for getting the people in the boats.

"On the contrary, an unusually long period was granted to the Ancona for getting passengers in its boats. Finally it is incorrect that a number of shells were still fired at the steamer after it had stopped."

Then after stating that the submarine commander had given ample opportunity for saving Ancona passengers, the note continues: "With full consideration, however, of the conduct of the commander, aimed at the accomplishing the rescue of the crew and passengers the Imperial and Royal marine authorities reached the conclusion that he had omitted to take adequately into consideration the panic that had broken out among the passengers, which rendered difficult the taking to the boats and the spirit of the regulation that Imperial and Royal marine officers shall fail in giving help to nobody in need, not even to an enemy.

Commander Was Punished.

"Therefore, the officer was punished in accordance with the existing rules, for exceeding his instructions.

"The Imperial and Royal government, in the face of this state of affairs, does not hesitate to draw the corresponding conclusions respecting the indemnification of American citizens affecting the sinking of the prize, but in this regard it makes the following statement:

"The investigation into the sinking of the Ancona could naturally furnish no essential point to show in how far a right to an indemnity is to be granted American citizens. The imperial and royal government cannot indeed, even according to the view of the Washington cabinet, be held liable for damages which resulted from the undoubtedly justified bombardment of the fleeing ship.

"It should just as little have to answer for the damages which came to pass before the torpedoing of the ship, through the faulty lowering of life boats or the capsizing of lowered boats.

"The Imperial and Royal government must assume that the Washington government is in a position and disposed to give it the required and certainly not unimportant information in this respect.

Willing to Pay Indemnities.

"If, however, because of possible lack of material proofs, the particular circumstances under which American citizens suffered damage should not have become known to the Union government, the Royal Government in considering for the humanely deeply regrettable incident and by a desire to proclaim once again its friendly feelings toward the Federal government would be gladly willing to disregard this gap in the evidence, and to extend indemnities also to those damaged whose cause cannot be established.

"While the Imperial and Royal government may probably consider the affair of the Ancona as settled with the foregoing statements it reserves to itself at this time the right to bring up for discussion at a later period the difficult questions of international law connected with submarine warfare."

RALEIGH MUNITIONS COMPANY PETITIONS FOR A RECEIVER.

Raleigh Iron Works Files Voluntary Petition in Bankruptcy.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 31.—The Raleigh Iron Works, Raleigh's munition plant, filed a petition in bankruptcy this evening and procured the appointment of Cary K. Durfey and W. F. Harding as receivers to take charge of and operate the plant. The assets are set out to be $260,000 and the liabilities $136,000. It is explained that the proceeding is the result of a financial stringency and inability to realize quickly on assets. Reorganization and continuation of the contract munitions work for the United States Government and the Bethlehem Steel Works is the program.

The company has important direct contracts with the Government for the manufacture of shells and also a large sub-contract with the Bethlehem Steel Works. The capital stock of the corporation is only $7,000 and W. F. Harding is president and manager. The receivers take munitions contract work.

INCREASE OF $23,770,916.

Galveston's Export and Import Business for 1915 is $225,849,065.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 31. — Export and import business through this port for the year closing today reached a total of $225,849,065, according to customs house records. This was an increase over the year's business of 1914 of $23,770,916. Cotton led the exports with 3,039,692 bales, valued at $156,357,191. Wheat exported was 32,351,220 bushels, valued at $43,732,159.

RECORD FOR NORFOLK

Export Trade for 1915 Surpassed That of Any Previous Year.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 31.—With the figures of the last two days of the old year yet to be compiled, the export trade for 1916 from Norfolk surpassed any corresponding period in the past, the figures being $27,000,000. More vessels entered and cleared from this port during 1915 than in any previous year.

Warm War Wirelets

London, Dec. 31.—Greece has protested against the arrest of the consuls of the Central Powers and their allies at Saloniki, which it terms a violation of Greece's sovereign rights, says Reuter's Athens correspondent.

London, Dec. 31.—The Norwegian steamer Sola, from Shields for Norfolk, has returned to the Tyne with her boiler burst.

London, Dec. 31.—The arrest of German and other consuls at Saloniki, reported in a dispatch early today from that city, was because of a German aeroplane attack on Saloniki, it was stated here late today.

London, Dec. 31.—It is officially announced that King George has appointed Emperor Nicholas of Russia a field marshal in the British army.

Cardiff, Wales, Dec. 31.—David A. Thomas, known as "The British coal king," has been raised to the peerage for his services in supervising the organization in the United States and Canada of facilities for obtaining war munitions.

NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION FOR PRESIDENT TODAY

First Official One Since He Has Been in Office.

Will Be Given in Hotel at Hot Springs —People Miles Around to Take Part—Makes No Comment on Austrian Note.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 31.—President Wilson's first official New Year's reception will be given here tomorrow in the public lounge of the hotel where he and Mrs. Wilson are spending their honeymoon. Word of the reception went forth today and people, for miles around are planning to join the Hot Springs winter colony in order to shake hands with the chief executive and his wife. Two years ago, the President spent the holiday season in Pass Christian, Miss., and last year there was no New Year's celebration at the White House.

The President and his wife played golf today before a large gallery and took an automobile ride over a new mountain road. Later Mr. Wilson spent two hours at work reading and dictating many leters. He sent the following telegram to Charles M. Andrist, who was private secretary to the late Governor Hammond, of Minnesota:

"Will you convey to Governor Hammond's family and publicly express for me my profound sympatny and sincere regret for his death? I am sure this must be the sentiment of the whole country and of all who knew his sterling character."

No comment was made by the President on news dispatches saying Austria-Hungary had made a favorable reply to the second note of the United States regarding the sinking of the liner Ancona. It is understood, however, that the situation growing out of the Ancona incident is regarded as havig cleared up to such an extent that Secretary Lansing will not make a trip here and the President probably will not return to Washington before the middle of next week.

Washington, Dec. 31.—A New Year's greeting from Albert, king of the Belgians, came to the White House tonight for President Wilson. It was dated today at Panne, presumably the king's camp at the front in France and said:

"Receive my sincere wishes for yourself and the welfare of your country, whose generosity to Belgium we shall never forget. ALBERT."

NEW TARIFFS ARE EFFECTIVE TODAY

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which to file new schedules of commodity rates on such important articles as coffee, cotton, fruits, burlaps, furniture, tobacco, naval stores, etc. These articles, which are transported usually in bulk, in the main carloads, probably are all named in the schedules of class rates in effect tomorrow but all carriers give lower rates, known as commodity rates, on such articles. In its order the commission says it expects some of these commodity rates to be filled within ninety days and others at sixty-day periods therefor until the field has been covered.

The Southern class rate readjustmen thas been the subject of controversy before the commission for many months. While generally the plan itself is approved, the commission points out that no particular rate has been sanctioned as a reasonable and just rate and one which, when so stamped, would, under the law, remain in effect for two years. This means that the commission probably expects shippers to discover unreasonable individual rates to make th customary formal complaints and thus bring the subject before the commission on its merits.

FIGHTING NATIONS TOO BUSY TO TAKE STOCK OF OLD YEAR

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crowd the justice of our cause with victory and an abiding peace."

The number of men thus far enlisted in Canada is 212,690, while 118,922 have been sent to Europe, 50,000 of whom are on the firing line. Only one soldier has been lost in the transportation of Canadians across the Atlantic.

TWO MORE NEGROES SHOT DOWN BY MOB

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Odd Fellows lodge building had been burned, and later in the day a lodge building known as the Negro Supreme Circle Lodge building, was burned.

Ed Law, a negro, accused of aiding the younger Goolsbys to escape, was said to have been killed late today with his son, known as "Precious" Law. The Goolsbys, it was claimed, were aided by these negroes to reach a train to Montgomery, Ala.

In retaliation negroes were said to have surrounded the home of H. H. Grimesley, a white farmer, threatening to kill him and his wife and children. The negro mob dispersed, however, before Sheriff Powell, of Early county, and a number of deputies reached there.

RAILROADS PROSPEROUS

Latest November Reports Continue to Be Encouraging.

New York, Dec. 31.—Latest November railway reports are the same encouraging tenor as those recently issued. Northern Pacific, almost the last of the trans-continental roads to publish November earnings shows a gross increase of $1,683,000 and a net gain of $1,456,000 over the corresponding months of last year.

The soft coal roads reflect the demand for that commodity, Chesapeake and Ohio showing a gross gain of $1,114,000 and an increase in net income of $579,000.

LARGEST IN HISTORY.

Richmond Bank Clearings Exceed Any Ever Before Recorded.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 31.—In addition to declaring in dividends a sum greater than ever before, the Richmond banks the year ending today have made the largest clearings in the history of the city, the total being $537,261,585. Last year the total clearings were $421,550,915. These figures do not include the operations of the Richmond Reserve Bank.

SOCIAL

DELIGHTFUL DINNER DANCE AT CAPE FEAR COUNTRY CLUB

The New Year's dance of the L'Arioso German Club at the Cape Fear Country Club last night was a most delightful affair. The old year was danced out and the new one ushered in in a happy manner. The dinner was served in courses, interspersed with dancing. The club quarters were attractively and beautifully decorated with Southern smilax and baskets filled with cut flowers placed upon the walls. The dances were skilfully led by Mr. Robert Wright Strange. Those dancing were as follows:

Mrs. E. F. Perry with Mr. Harold C. Perry; Miss Mary Bellamy with Mr. Albert F. Perry; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh MacRae, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Grainger, Miss Madeleine deRosset with Mr. J. R. Murchison; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harriss; Miss Janet Menzies with Mr. Robert W. Strange; Miss Sallie Gatlin with Mr. R. W. Cantwell; Miss Janet O'Neil with Mr. S. G. MacMillan; Miss Marie Grainger with Mr. Franklin Smith; Miss Cynthia Rountree with Mr. G. T. Clark; Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Latimer, of Auburn, N. Y.; Miss Harriss with Mr. Frank G. Harriss; Mr. and Mrs. Meares Harriss; Miss Carrie Blount with Mr. Thos. W. Strange; Miss Louise Wise with Mr. Robert C. Davis; Miss Constable, of Charlotte, with Mr. E. H. Holmes; Miss Louise Worth with Mr. W. H. Sprunt, Jr.; Miss Mary Wright Taylor with Mr. Theo. S. James; Miss Juliette Albright with Mr. J. F. Robertson; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Storm; Miss Jennie Gilchrist with Mr. A. C. Chalmers; Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Wood; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Davis; Miss Almeria Stevenson with Mr. J. D. Taylor; Miss Kate Northrop with Mr. E. M. Hardin; Miss Meta Rountree with Mr. Emmett Bellamy; Miss Annie Northrop with Mr. J. L. Williams; Miss Gladys Page with Mr. B. O'Neil; Miss Charlotte O'Neil with Mr. Thos. Terry, Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Dick; Miss Beaman, Ithaca, N. Y., with Mr. R. A. Williams; Miss Miriam Holiday with Mr. William Pitt Mason, of New York.

Patronesses—Mesdames John D. Bellamy, J. V. Grainger, C. W. Bidgood, P. L. Bridgers, T. W. Davis, E. C. Holt, M. F. H. Gouverneur, Hugh MacRae, J. L. Wise, George Rountree and W. B. Thorpe.

Stags—Messrs. H. G. Day, New York; R. W. Hicks, Chicago; Walker Taylor, Jr., L. J. Poisson, Charles Bidgood, Robert C. deRosset, W. D. MacMillan, 3rd; Hargrove Bellamy.

The music was furnished by Grainger's orchestra.

AMERICAN NATIONS MUST UNITE FOR A CRISIS AFTER WAR

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regrettable possibility, one supreme thought stands out and that is, 'If a foreign foe were to succeed in destroying the sovereignty of the United States it would only be a question of time when that foe would destroy the sovereignty of any other American republic.'

"In turn there is no doubt whatever that if any foreign foe ever succeeded in extending its dominion over a considerable part of Latin-America and if the nations of Latin America should become dependencies, it would inevitably follow that the United States would meet the same fate, because no foreign foe could achieve such a result except by a victory over the United States.

"All Pan-America will, therefore, rejoice if this conference shall give the inspiration, though it might not be able to write the act because it is not a political gathering, for the actual evolution of the Monroe Doctrine into a Pan-American doctrine which will mean that the Latin-American Republics, in the event the United States were attacked by a foreign foe, would, with all their physical and moral force, stand for the protection and sovereignty of the United States just as quickly as the United States under corresponding circumstances would stand for their sovereignty and integrity."

Pan-American Unity.

Among the delegates the sentiment prevails that there is no reason to believe that Pan-American unity is far from realization.

Another week will be spent here by the Congress. Business sessions will be devoted largely to consideration of papers on political and scientific subjects and the discussion of international law, but there will be plenty of opportunities for citizens of the United States both in public and private life gathered here to strengthen their newly made friendships with the Latin-Americas.

The State Department announced today that when the Congress adjourned the delegates would be taken on special trains as guests of this government on a tour as far as Boston, some time being spent at Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.

NO NEW CLASSIFICATION.

Commerce Commission Disapproves Increases in Grain Rates.

Washington, Dec. 31.—New classifications of freight which would have resulted in general increases in rates on grain and grain products and various other commodities between the Atlantic seaboard and the Mississippi river were disapproved today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

RATE REDUCTION POSTPONED.

On Anthracite Coal from Pennsylvania Fields to the Atlantic.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Reductions in rates on anthracite from the Pennsylvania fields to the Atlantic seaboard were again postponed today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. They will be effective April 1, instead of January 1. The commission wants to give the coal roads time to work out the new rate schedules they have been ordered to make.

SIGHTS WRECKED VESSEL.

Steamer Nefhes Reports Seeing Floating Obstruction at Sea.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 31. — The steamer Nefhes reported by wireless today that she sighted a floating obstruction, probably the wreck of a vessel, 150 feet long and 30 feet wide, twelve miles southeast of Five Thousand Banks light.

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